

# **AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE CITY OF  
ST. PETERSBURG      AND      SUN COAST POLICE  
BENEVOLENT  
ASSOCIATION**

**FOR  
POLICE OFFICERS AND TECHNICIANS**



**SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG AND PBA  
OFFICERS & TECHNICIANS**

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## **AGREEMENT**

In accordance with the State of Florida Public Employees Collective Bargaining Statute, this Agreement is entered into by the City of St. Petersburg, a municipality in the State of Florida, hereinafter called the "Employer" or "City" and the Sun Coast Police Benevolent Association, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the "PBA."

## **PREAMBLE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote and maintain harmonious and cooperative relationships between the Employer and employees, both individually and collectively, and the PBA, and to provide an orderly and peaceful means for resolving differences which arise concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement.

The parties recognize that the best interest of the community will be served by assuring the public, at all times, of orderly and uninterrupted operations and functions of the municipal government, and by providing in the most efficient manner, public service to the citizens of the community.

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **RECOGNITION**

Section 1. The City of St. Petersburg hereby recognizes the Sun Coast Police Benevolent Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of good faith collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for all employees in the bargaining unit.

Section 2. The bargaining unit for which this recognition is accorded is as defined in the certification granted by the Public Employees Relations Commission on June 27, 1975, Certificate No. 87, comprised of all full-time employees (and excluding temporary employees) within the City of St. Petersburg Police Department employed in the classifications of:

Police Officer  
Forensic Services Technician  
Latent Print Examiner

All other employees in other ranks, positions, and classifications are excluded from this bargaining unit, unless the parties mutually agree to add a classification or classifications to the unit. If the parties are not able to agree, the matter shall be referred to the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) by either party through the unit clarification process.

Section 3. The Sun Coast Police Benevolent Association hereby recognizes the Mayor or the Mayor's designee as the public employer's representative for the purpose of good faith collective bargaining.

Section 4. For the purpose of this Agreement, the terms "member," "bargaining unit employees," and "employees" shall be synonymous.

## ARTICLE 2

### **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

#### **Section 1. Bill of Rights**

Employees, including Forensic Services Technicians and Latent Print Examiners, are entitled to any and all benefits and rights as described in Florida Statutes Sections 112.532 through 112.534, "Law Enforcement Officers' and Correctional Officers' Bill of Rights," and any and all benefits and rights that may be added to said Statutes during the term of this Agreement. Any allegations of a violation of these benefits or rights shall be subject to the remedies provided by Florida Statutes Sections 112.532 through 112.534.

Employees are also entitled to any and all benefits and rights as described in General Order II-10, Processing Complaints Against Personnel, Section IV, Receipt of Complaints (revised July, 2010). Should changes be made to the Florida Statutes or court decisions be made interpreting the Statutes, the Department may change the General Order to be in conformance. The Union will be notified if this section is modified.

#### **Section 2. Department Personnel Records**

Each employee covered by this Agreement shall have the right to inspect and make copies of Department Personnel Record or any record directly related to said employee, provided the records are not confidential. (Note: An employee's own medical records are not confidential to said employee and may be viewed and copied upon request.) There shall be a copying charge per file of fifteen cents (\$.15) per page. No more than one (1) personnel record will be reviewed at any one time.

#### **Section 3. Refutation**

The City agrees that an employee shall have the right to include in the official or department personnel record a written and signed refutation (including signed witness statements) of any material the employee considers to be detrimental.

#### **Section 4. Residency**

Residency requirements for employees covered by this Agreement shall be within a sixty (60) mile radius or two (2) hours driving time of Police Headquarters.

#### **Section 5. Miscellaneous**

- A. Polygraph examinations shall be administered in accordance with applicable law.
- B. It will be an employee's right to record the employee's own Internal Affairs investigation interview.

## ARTICLE 3

### **MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

Section 1. The PBA recognizes the prerogative of the City to operate and manage its affairs in all respects in accordance with its responsibilities. The powers and authority which the City has not officially abridged, delegated, or modified by this Agreement, are retained by the City.

Except for management rights specifically compromised by the provisions of this Agreement, management officials of the City retain their rights in accordance with the provisions of the Personnel Management System, and the law of this municipality and state. These rights include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. To determine the organization of City government.
- B. To determine the purpose of each of its constituent agencies.
- C. To exercise control and discretion over the organization and efficiency of operations of the City.
- D. To set standards for services to be offered to the public.
- E. To manage and direct the employees of the City.
- F. To hire, examine, classify, promote, train, transfer, assign, schedule, and retain employees in positions with the City.
- G. To suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against employees for just cause.
- H. To increase, reduce, change, modify, or alter the composition and size of the work force, including the right to relieve employees from duties because of lack of work, funds, or other legitimate reasons.
- I. To determine the location, methods, means, and personnel by which operations are to be conducted, including the right to contract and subcontract existing and future work. The City agrees to meet and confer with PBA representatives at least thirty (30) days prior to assigning civilians to do work currently being performed by Police Officers filling positions authorized by the Budget Department for that rank.
- J. To determine the number of employees to be employed by the City.
- K. To establish, change, or modify the number, types, and grades of positions or employees assigned to an organization, unit, department, or project.
- L. To establish, change, or modify duties, tasks, responsibilities, or requirements within job descriptions in the interest of efficiency, economy, technological change, or operating requirements.

M. To establish, implement, and maintain an effective Internal Security Procedure.

N. To add, change, modify, or delete any rule, regulation, or policy.

Section 2. The City Council has the sole authority to determine the purpose and mission of the City Council and the amount of the budget to be adopted by the City Council.

Section 3. If it is determined that civil emergency conditions exist, including, but not limited to riots, civil disorders, hurricane conditions, or similar catastrophes, the provisions of this Agreement may be suspended during the time of the declared emergency, provided that wage rates and monetary fringe benefits shall not be suspended.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **PROHIBITION OF STRIKES**

#### Section 1. Strike Definition

"Strike" means the concerted failure to report for duty, the concerted absence of employees from their positions, the concerted stoppage of work, the concerted submission of resignations, the concerted abstinence in whole or in part of any group of employees from the full and faithful performance of their duties of employment with the City of St. Petersburg, the Employer, for the purpose of inducing, influencing, condoning, or coercing a change in the terms and conditions of employment or the rights, privileges, or obligations of their employment. "Strike" also means participating in a deliberate and concerted course of conduct which adversely affects the services of the Employer, including the concerted failure to report for work after the expiration of a collective bargaining agreement and picketing in furtherance of a work stoppage.

#### Section 2. Strikes Prohibited

Employees covered by this Agreement, the PBA, its officers, agents, and representatives, agree that Florida Statutes Section 447.505 prohibits them individually or collectively as public employees or the PBA from participation in a strike against the City of St. Petersburg, the Employer, by instigating or supporting in any manner, a strike. It is further agreed that employees covered by this Agreement will not support strike actions that may be initiated by other unions by refusing to cross strike lines or picket lines that may be established by such unions. Any violation of this section shall subject the violator(s) to the penalties as provided by law and the rules and regulations of the Employer.

#### Section 3. Affirmation

Employees covered by this Agreement and the PBA, its officers, agents, and representatives agree that they will not engage in any "strike" activities against the City of St. Petersburg, the Employer.

#### Section 4. Penalties

Any employee covered by this Agreement who participates in, is a party thereto, or promotes any of the above actions as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, or other similar form of interference with the operations or functions of the Employer shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. Employees shall not be entitled to any benefits or wages whatsoever while they are engaged in any strike activities, or other interruptions of work.

Any employee discharged in accordance with this Article or applicable provisions of Florida Statutes Chapter 447 shall, if appointed, reappointed, employed, or re-employed by the City, serve a six (6)-month probationary period following the reappointment or re-employment, and the compensation may in no event exceed that received immediately prior to the time of the violation, and the compensation may not be increased for one (1) year.

### **ARTICLE 5**

#### **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Section 1. The Employer and the PBA agree that the provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all employees in the bargaining unit without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation, genetic information, union membership or activity, or based on any other protected category. The parties agree, however, a grievance based upon allegations of a violation of federal or state employment laws, such as the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §1983, Florida Statutes Chapter 760, the Americans With Disabilities Act, and the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, cannot be filed under the grievance procedure contained within this contract. Rather, the employee or Union, whichever is applicable, shall be directed to the process established by the Mayor for the investigation of allegations of illegal discrimination, sexual harassment, or other forms of inappropriate behavior. In addition to the Mayor's internal process, procedures established by the Police Department are available, and/or the employee or Union may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or other appropriate state or federal agency.

Section 2. The PBA, as the certified bargaining agent of the employees covered by this Agreement, hereby pledges that it will accept members to its organization without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, marital status, age, disability, or sexual orientation, genetic information or other protected category.

### **ARTICLE 6**

#### **CHECKOFF**

Section 1. Employees participating in the current dues, dental, health insurance, AFLAC, and/or uniform assessment payroll deduction program, may continue to do so as long as the PBA remains the certified bargaining agent for employees in this bargaining unit.

Section 2. Employees covered by this Agreement may authorize, on the prescribed form at the end of this Article, the deduction of PBA dues, the approved PBA dental or health insurance plan, and AFLAC premiums if applicable. These forms may be duplicated by the employees or Union



for this purpose. Any Union uniform assessments will be certified in writing to the Employer by the PBA thirty (30) days prior to implementation date.

Section 3. Payroll dues, AFLAC, and/or dental or health insurance authorizations are revocable at the employee's request upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Employer and the PBA. When an employee stops payroll dues deduction, dental or health insurance, uniform assessments, and any other Union payroll deductions shall also be stopped.

Section 4. The Employer is expressly prohibited from any involvement in the collection of fines, penalties, or special assessments and shall not honor any requests of this nature.

Section 5. The PBA agrees to pay the Employer a reasonable fee for the service of dues, dental, health insurance, AFLAC, and/or uniform assessments deductions. The fee for total deductions, dues, dental, health insurance, AFLAC, and/or uniform assessments shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month. The deduction for services for the fiscal year, excluding the fee for changes referenced in Section 9 of this Article, shall be deducted from the October payment of dues, dental, health insurance, AFLAC, or uniform assessments to the PBA.

Section 6. PBA dues, dental, health insurance, AFLAC, and/or uniform assessments shall be deducted each applicable pay period and the funds deducted shall be remitted to the PBA account by automatic deposit the first workday after deduction unless an emergency (machine breakdown, etc.) prevents the meeting of this time frame. Should the PBA's account number change, the City must have at least fifteen (15) calendar days' notice in order to be able to provide automatic deposit within the time frame specified.

Section 7. In any pay period in which there is insufficient pay to cover all other duly authorized deductions, dues, dental, health insurance, AFLAC, and/or uniform assessments will not be deducted from an employee's pay.

Section 8. The Treasurer of the PBA shall submit a written request stating in dollars and cents the new amount of PBA dues, dental, health insurance, AFLAC, and/or uniform assessments to be deducted from the wages of members who have authorized or been assessed such deductions. This request shall be submitted in advance of the effective date of any changes.

Section 9. The PBA agrees to pay the Employer a reasonable fee for any change in membership dues structure, dental, health insurance, AFLAC, and/or uniform assessment structure at the rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). A check to cover this fee shall accompany any letter of change notice.

Section 10. The PBA will indemnify and hold the City harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of, or by, payroll deduction of Union dues, dental, health insurance, and/or uniform assessments. The PBA agrees that in case of error, proper adjustment, if any, will be made by the PBA with the affected employees.

**NOTICE TO EMPLOYER AND PBA**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES**

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby authorize my Employer to deduct from my salary each pay period my PBA Dues as certified to the Employer by the PBA.

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby authorize my Employer to deduct from my salary each pay period payments as indicated below and as certified to the Employer by the PBA.

<input type="checkbox"/> Dues	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> AFLAC	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental Insurance	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$ _____
		(Please Specify)	_____

Increase/Decrease Bi-weekly Deduction from \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I understand these authorizations are voluntary, and I may revoke them at any time by giving my Employer and the Union thirty (30) days' notice.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signed**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Position**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Print) Last Name, First, M.I.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Dept./Div./Activity**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Payroll #**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
**Union Official**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**NOTICE TO EMPLOYER AND PBA  
INSTRUCTIONS TO STOP PAYROLL DEDUCTION OF PBA DUES**



\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby instruct my Employer and advise the Union to stop deducting Union dues from my salary. It is understood that my deductions for other programs that I may have selected will also stop.

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby instruct my Employer and advise the Union to stop deducting payments for the following programs:

\_\_\_\_\_ Dental Insurance

\_\_\_\_\_ AFLAC

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Decrease my total deduction from \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This form is executed willfully, and it is understood it will take thirty (30) days to execute the stop deduction.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signed**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Position**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Print) Last Name, First, M.I.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Dept./Div./Activity**

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**Payroll #**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Union Official**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## ARTICLE 7

### **PBA REPRESENTATION**

#### **Section 1. PBA Representation During Collective Bargaining Negotiations**

- A. Neither party in negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating or bargaining representatives of the other party. The PBA will furnish the Labor Relations Office with a written list of the PBA's bargaining team at the first bargaining meeting, and substitution changes thereto, if necessary.
- B. The Employer shall recognize PBA representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining as authorized by the President of the PBA as reflected on the submission listed per Section 1(A) of this Article.
- C. The Department will make every effort to release recognized PBA representatives, who are Police Department employees, to participate in collective bargaining negotiation sessions as representatives of the PBA.
- D. PBA collective bargaining team members will be authorized to use PBA Business time as outlined in Article 8. In addition, employees participating in the collective bargaining process at the request of the Union may also be authorized by the Union to use PBA Business time. This includes preparation for bargaining, negotiations sessions, Special Master hearings, and other related meetings.

#### **Section 2. PBA Representation During the Term of the Contract**

- A. The names of all PBA representatives shall be given in writing to the Labor Relations Office as well as any change in such list prior to the effective date of their assuming duties of representation.
- B. The Employer shall recognize five (5) PBA representatives, or one (1) representative for each one hundred (100) members, as authorized by the President of the PBA or designee for the conduct of Labor-Management relations between the Employer or Police Department and the PBA for this bargaining unit as reflected on the submission listed per Section 2(A) of this Article.
- C. Recognized PBA representatives, who are employees of the St. Petersburg Police Department, will be permitted to discuss PBA business with employees during their duty hours provided that such discussions shall in no way interrupt, delay, or otherwise interfere with effective and proper service to the community. The PBA agrees that this privilege shall not be abused.
- D. Recognized PBA representatives, who are employees of the St. Petersburg Police Department, shall be allowed to communicate official PBA Business to employees prior to being checked on duty and after the employees have been checked off duty at the end of their work shifts. City work hours shall not be used by employees or PBA representatives for conducting Union meetings or the promotion of Union affairs, with the one exception noted in Section 2(C) of this Article.

- E. Recognized PBA representatives, who are not employees of the St. Petersburg Police Department, will be granted access to Department work areas during working hours to carry out the functions which come within the scope of their responsibilities on matters relating to this Agreement.
- F. Employees shall have the right to PBA representation if the employee desires to meet and consult with any supervisory or managerial official to discuss matters that may involve employee discipline, via the appropriate chain of command.
- G. Copies of special orders, general orders, or training bulletins affecting employees covered by this Agreement shall be provided to the PBA when issued.
- H. Solicitation of any and all kinds by the PBA not previously approved by the Police Chief or designee including solicitation of membership and the collection of PBA monies, shall not be engaged in during working hours.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **PBA BUSINESS**

Section 1. PBA representatives who are employees of the St. Petersburg Police Department and recognized by the Employer as such may be granted time off, up to a maximum of five (5) employees in any one instance, by Department management to conduct business in connection with the PBA and to attend city, county, or state public hearings or meetings; Civic Association meetings; or fund raising activities for registered (IRS) charitable organizations. Employees and representatives performing any of the activities provided for elsewhere in this Agreement that provides time off without loss of pay will be compensated in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Attendance at any PBA business activities outside of an employee's regular scheduled working hours shall not be deemed as time worked and will not be covered by PBA Business leave hours.

Section 2. Time off from duty will be without loss of straight time pay in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. A written request for the use of PBA Business time shall be submitted through the chain of command to the appropriate Assistant Police Chief at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the time off, or verbal permission may be obtained from the Watch Commander in the case of unforeseen emergencies and the request submitted to the Assistant Chief the next business day.
- B. Requests shall be submitted using the PBA Business Time Leave Request Form providing the time and date requested to be absent from duty and briefly describing the purpose for the leave. A copy of the form is contained at the end of this Article.
- C. Sufficient staffing is available on the employee's regular shift to properly staff the Department/unit during the absence of the employee or PBA representatives as determined by the appropriate Assistant Chief.

- D. Written approval by the appropriate Assistant Chief in advance of the use of PBA Business time, except in emergencies as provided in Section 2(A) of this Article.
- E. The Assistant Chief or Watch Commander shall, prior to approval, take into account staffing problems, emergency situations, overtime obligations, and other leave for PBA Business which conflicts with vacation time schedules.

Section 3. The Department retains the right to restrict time off for PBA Business when an emergency condition exists and such time off from work assignment would create a danger to public safety.

Section 4. The Department will allow four hundred and fifty (450) hours of paid time per fiscal year to be donated to the PBA Business time account. Use of these hours and all hours donated by members of the bargaining unit as described in Section 5 of this Article shall be used exclusively by PBA representatives and employees for the purposes described in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 5. Employees covered by this Agreement may donate a minimum of two (2) hours of their annual leave (vacation) or holiday time toward a PBA Business time account. Donations to the St. Petersburg PBA Business time account can be processed anytime during the term of this Agreement using the form included at the end of this Article, which must be submitted to the Department fiscal office. Donated hours must be credited and available in the account prior to any request for use. In no case will a negative balance be permitted.

Section 6. Charges against the PBA Business time account, as provided in this Article, shall only be made when approved by the President of the PBA, or designee, prior to the employee or PBA representatives utilizing requested PBA Business time.

Section 7. For the purposes of this Article, annual leave time schedules have priority over requests for the use of the PBA Business time.

Section 8. Unused time in the PBA Business time account will be carried into the next fiscal year.

Section 9. City Council Agenda

The PBA President shall be provided with advance copies of the printed City Council agenda, and City Council subcommittee meeting agendas when available in advance, at no cost to the PBA. In addition, if the PBA is interested in particular back-up material, the Clerk's office will provide a copy at no cost and in a timely manner.

Section 10. Bulletin Boards

The presently existing bulletin boards authorized for PBA use may be used for posting official PBA business notices. Authorized bulletin boards shall number a minimum of four (4), but shall not exceed six (6) and shall be the same size as the existing boards. All notices posted shall be signed by the president of the PBA, or the Executive Director, who shall be personally accountable for the contents. Duplicate copies of all notices posted shall be submitted to the Police Chief to file prior to posting. All costs incidental to preparing and posting of PBA materials shall

be borne by the PBA. The PBA is responsible for posting and removing material on its bulletin boards and for maintaining such bulletin boards in an orderly condition.

#### Section 11. City-PBA Consultation

The City and PBA mutually agree that either party may request a consultation meeting, with said request being made in writing. Times, dates, and places for the meeting shall be arranged by mutual consent. The party requesting the consultation shall advise the other party of the topic or topics for discussion. Consultation meetings shall not be used for negotiation purposes but shall provide for a free flow of information and ideas of possible future changes of working conditions. Meetings may also be used for either party to advance its views on interpretation of matters covered by this Agreement where a conflict in interpretation may exist. Each party shall be responsible for those people attending the meetings. PBA representatives who are also Police Department employees shall be limited to no more than four (4) persons at any one meeting. There will be no limitations for attendance placed on PBA representatives who are not Police Department employees. Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit the PBA from utilizing the grievance procedure as set forth in Article 9 of this Agreement as final resolution to conflicts involving the interpretation or application of this Agreement.

#### Section 12. Other Administrative or Legal Procedures and Hearings

On occasion, employees covered by this bargaining unit are subpoenaed to attend a deposition or court hearing with said subpoena being issued at the request of the PBA or PBA attorney. The City agrees it will provide up to four (4) of these employees with pay for hours which coincide with their normally scheduled hours of work, resulting in a no loss of pay situation. It is agreed that employees shall not receive pay from the City for attendance outside of the employees' normally scheduled work hours. If more than four (4) employees are subpoenaed at the request of the PBA, then the four (4) employees so designated by the PBA shall be covered by this provision. All other employees shall either use annual leave or be placed in a leave without pay status for any work hours spent at such proceedings. Arrangements to attend must be made so as not to disrupt service to the community.

This provision does not apply to other absences from work for other purposes addressed elsewhere in this Agreement.

#### Section 13. Contract Modification

Provisions of this contract may be clarified, amended, or modified upon the written consent of the duly authorized representatives of the City and the PBA. No ratification by the legislative body or represented employees shall be required on said clarification, amendment, or modification.

#### Section 14. Printing the Agreement

The Employer agrees to make available ten (10) copies of this Agreement to the PBA within forty-five (45) days after final ratification by City Council and signature by the parties of the ratification page of the contract. An electronic copy of the Agreement shall be made available on the City's Intranet.

**DONATION TO PBA BUSINESS TIME ACCOUNT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize the

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG to deduct \_\_\_\_\_ hours (minimum of two) from my  
account checked below:

( ) HOLIDAY

( ) ANNUAL LEAVE

The time deducted above is to be transferred to the PBA Business time account for use in  
accordance with Article 8 of this Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PAYROLL#

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEPT. DIVISION-ACTIVITY



## PBA BUSINESS TIME LEAVE REQUEST

I, \_\_\_\_\_, payroll # \_\_\_\_\_, a PBA member, request to be absent from duty on the date and time listed below for the purpose of PBA Business. I understand this request is to be made at least 72 hours in advance of the time off, except in an emergency situation.

Date of requested absence: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: from \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. to \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

Check type of Union Business being attended and provide explanation below:

<u>Type of PBA Business</u>	<u>Pay Code</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Representative at IA interview	081	
<input type="checkbox"/> Representative at grievance, arbitration, Chain of Command Board, or Complaint Review Board	081	
<input type="checkbox"/> Representative at employee-initiated meetings with management	081	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grievant	081	
<input type="checkbox"/> Witness (up to 4 employees)	081	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultations	081	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preparations for Bargaining	080	
<input type="checkbox"/> Negotiation Sessions	081	
<input type="checkbox"/> Impasse and Special Master Hearings	080	
<input type="checkbox"/> Onsite Department approved information sessions (include readoff, contract ratification, etc.)	081	
<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation previously or not previously approved	080	
<input type="checkbox"/> City, County, or State public meetings, civic association meetings, fund raising	080	
<input type="checkbox"/> PBA Meetings	080	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other not listed above		

080 - Union Business, non-sweat hours

081 - Union Business, sweat hours

### Signatures:

Employee/PBA Representative:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PBA President or designee:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Watch Commander:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If less than 72 hours' notice)

Chain of Command:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Police Fiscal Services, Labor Relations, PBA

## ARTICLE 9

### GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

#### Section 1. General

- A. The purpose of this Article is to establish a procedure for the fair, expeditious, and orderly adjustment of grievances and is to be used only for the settlement of disputes between Employer and employee, or group of employees, involving the interpretation or application of this Agreement. A classified employee shall have the option of utilizing the City Grievance and Appeal Procedure as written in the Rules and Regulations of the Personnel Management System, or the grievance procedure established under this Article, but such employee cannot use both.
- B. An employee who has a grievance which is outside the purview of this Agreement shall utilize the City Grievance and Appeal Procedure, if applicable.
- C. An employee covered by this Agreement, except those in an initial probationary period, shall have the right to be represented, or refrain from exercising the right to be represented in the determination of grievances arising under the terms and conditions of employment covered by this Agreement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any classified employee from presenting a grievance without representation, and having such grievances adjusted without the intervention of the PBA, provided the adjustment is consistent with the terms of the Agreement currently in effect. However, the PBA may at its own discretion choose not to represent an employee pursuing a grievance who is not paying dues to the PBA or whose grievance in the opinion of the PBA is without merit.

The PBA shall not be held responsible for and shall be held harmless from any liability which may arise out of any adjustment or lack thereof, for any grievance or arbitration which was processed without the employee being specifically represented by a recognized PBA representative.

A grievance may be submitted by the PBA, as the exclusive representative of employees covered by this Agreement, as a class grievance, which is defined as a grievance which is non-disciplinary and affects more than one employee regarding the same subject. The PBA President or Executive Director shall sign the class grievance on behalf of the members of the bargaining unit. A PBA class grievance shall be initially submitted at Step 2 (Labor Relations Office) within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of occurrence or awareness of the occurrence.

The Employer may submit a grievance which will be filed with the PBA President or Executive Director at Step 2 within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of occurrence or awareness of the occurrence.

- D. Grievances arising from the interpretation of contract provisions shall be submitted at Step 2 within twenty (20) calendar days after the occurrence of the matter from which the grievance arose. If any grievance, whether class, disciplinary, or contract interpretation, is not submitted within the time limits as prescribed for every step,

it shall be considered untimely and deemed void. A grievance not appealed to the next step within the time limits established by this grievance procedure shall be considered settled on the basis of the last answer provided by management. A grievance not answered within the time limits prescribed for the appropriate management representative at each step shall entitle the employee to advance the grievance to the next step. The time limits prescribed herein may be extended if agreed by both management and the Union.

- E. Disciplinary grievances that resulted from a Bureau Investigation shall be submitted at Step 1 within twenty (20) calendar days of the decision.

Disciplinary grievances that resulted from a Command Review Board shall be submitted at Step 2 within twenty (20) calendar days of the decision. If discipline from the Command Review Board followed allegations initiated by an individual or individuals outside of the Police Department, the aggrieved employee may also request a Complaint Review Board, before filing a Step 2 grievance, within twenty (20) calendar days of the Command Review Board's decision. After the decision is rendered by the Complaint Review Board, the aggrieved employee may submit the Step 2 grievance within twenty (20) calendar days of the Board's decision.

The filing requirements and deadlines in Steps 1 and 2 for written grievances and answers shall not preclude the aggrieved employee, the PBA if applicable, and appropriate management representatives from verbally discussing and resolving the grievance. Discussions up through Step 2 shall not cause the aggrieved employee and the PBA representative to suffer any loss of pay and shall normally be held during regular working hours. It is agreed that grievance resolution activities performed outside of the employees' normal work schedules shall not be counted as time worked.

- F. In advancing grievances in Steps 1 and 2, the employee and/or the PBA representative, if applicable, may call a reasonable number of witnesses to offer testimony from direct knowledge only. Witnesses who are employees shall suffer no loss of pay or benefits while serving as witnesses at Step 1 and Step 2 hearings and shall be excused to testify during working hours provided such absence from their place of work in no way interrupts, delays, or otherwise interferes with proper and effective service to the community. Time spent during off-duty hours attending or testifying on behalf of a grievant through Step 2 of this process shall not be counted as time worked consistent with Article 8, Section 12 of this Agreement.

The City agrees it will provide up to four (4) employees covered by this bargaining unit who are subpoenaed by the grievant and/or the PBA to appear at an arbitration with pay for hours which coincide with their normally scheduled hours of work, resulting in a no loss of pay situation. Employees shall not receive pay for attendance that falls outside of their normally scheduled work hours. If more than four (4) employees are subpoenaed, then the four (4) employees so designated by the grievant or PBA, whichever is applicable, shall be covered by this provision. All other employees shall either use annual leave or be placed in a leave without pay status for any work hours spent at such proceedings. Arrangements to attend must be made so as not to disrupt service to the community. Employees

subpoenaed by the City to testify on behalf of the City will be placed on duty for attendance that falls outside of their normally scheduled work hours.

- G. The PBA representative shall be allowed reasonable time off without loss of pay during the representative's regular shift hours for investigating, presenting, and appealing grievances up to and including Step 2 of this procedure. The representative shall not receive pay for attendance that falls outside of the representative's normally scheduled work hours. The performance of this function by the PBA representative shall in no way interrupt the normal functioning of the Department.

The PBA agrees to guard against the use of excessive time for such activities which are authorized by this Agreement. The PBA representative will provide advance notice to supervision to allow planning arrangements to enable the representative time for investigative activity. When a PBA representative desires to contact an employee who has a complaint, the representative shall first obtain verbal permission from the employee's supervisor. If permission must be denied at that particular time, the PBA representative will be informed of the reason for the denial and when the aggrieved employee may be contacted. In the event permission is denied, the time periods in Sections C, D, and E of this Article will be extended accordingly. The PBA representative will notify the supervisor upon returning to work.

- H. Employees will follow all written and verbal directives, even if such directives are allegedly in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement. Compliance with such directives will not in any way prejudice the employee's right to file a grievance within the time limits contained herein nor shall compliance affect the ultimate resolution of the grievance. No employee or group of employees may refuse to follow directions pending the outcome of a grievance.

## Section 2. Grievance Procedure

- Step 1 The aggrieved employee may, with or without PBA representation, submit a written grievance on the prescribed form to the Office of the Police Chief within twenty (20) calendar days after the occurrence of the matter from which the grievance arose. The grievance will be considered submitted when it is signed as received by the Department/City if delivered in person or when it is date/time stamped from a facsimile or e-mail to the Police Chief or designee. It is understood that in all discipline cases, "occurrence" is the date that Police Fiscal Services forwards the fully signed Employee Notice to the employee.

The written grievance at this step, and at all steps thereafter, shall contain the following information:

1. A statement of the grievance including date of occurrence, details, and facts upon which the grievance is based.
2. The article and section, if appropriate, of the Agreement alleged to have been violated.

3. The action, remedy, or solution requested by the employee.
4. Signature of aggrieved employee and/or the PBA representative, if applicable. If the employee is represented by the PBA, no employee signature is necessary for disciplinary grievances.
5. Date submitted.

Grievances submitted which do not contain the above information shall be considered void and shall be returned to the employee or the PBA if it is representing the employee. The employee/grievant or the PBA shall have five (5) additional calendar days to fully complete and resubmit the grievance.

Within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the grievance, the Police Chief or designee shall meet with the grievant and/or the PBA representative, if applicable, to discuss and seek a solution to the grievance. Within seven (7) calendar days after the meeting, the Police Chief or designee shall give a response in writing to the grievant and the PBA representative as the case may be.

The written response at this step and all steps thereafter shall contain the following information:

1. An affirmation or denial of the facts upon which the grievance is based.
2. An analysis of the alleged violation of the Agreement.
3. The remedy or solution, if any, to be made.
4. Signature of the appropriate management representative.

Step 2 If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, the aggrieved employee and/or PBA representative, if applicable, may submit a written appeal to the Labor Relations Office within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the Police Chief or designee's written response. If Step 2 is the appropriate level to file the original grievance, the aggrieved employee may, with or without PBA representation, submit a written grievance on the prescribed form to the Labor Relations Office within twenty (20) calendar days after the occurrence of the matter from which the grievance arose. The Labor Relations Manager or designee, if deemed appropriate, shall meet with the aggrieved employee, Department management, and PBA representative, if applicable, within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the written appeal to discuss and seek a resolution of the grievance. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after this meeting, the Labor Relations Manager or designee shall give a written recommendation to the Police Chief or designee and to the aggrieved employee and/or PBA representative, if applicable. The Police Chief will then have fifteen (15) days to make any changes to the disciplinary action following the recommendation by the Labor Relations Manager or designee. In the event the PBA representative; the employee, if not represented by the PBA; and the Labor Relations Manager or designee mutually agree to waive Step 2, the PBA or aggrieved employee may proceed directly to arbitration as described in Article 10 of this Agreement.

**Grievance No.**

NAME (Employee filing) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Shift \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Occurrence of Grievance \_\_\_\_\_

Article &amp; Section of Agreement alleged to have been violated \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate box: STEP 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Chief      STEP 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Labor Relations  
Class Grievance

DESCRIBE ALL THE FACTS CONCERNING THE GRIEVANCE (date, time, place, persons involved, etc.)

REQUESTED REMEDY:

EMPLOYEE/UNION

DEPARTMENT/CITY

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Signature (Employee filing grievance) Time/Date

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Grievance Received By (Signature)

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PBA Representative Signature
Time/Date

Time/Date of Receipt

As provided by the PBA contract, I wish to appeal my grievance to Step 2.

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Signature (Employee filing grievance)      Time/Date

Grievance Received By (Signature)

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PBA Representative Signature

Time/Date

Time/Date of Receipt

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**PBA GRIEVANCE  
City of St. Petersburg**

Grievance No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSE**

This form is to be used by the Police Chief/Designee and Labor Relations to respond to Step 1 and Step 2 PBA Grievances.

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMPLOYEE/GRIEVANT OR PBA REPRESENTATIVE POLICE CHIEF /  
DESIGNEE OR LABOR RELATIONS

Date Grievance Filed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is in response to the above-referenced grievance. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
HEARING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE  
(Police Chief/Designee or Labor Relations)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE RESPONSE WAS GIVEN TO EMPLOYEE

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## **ARTICLE 10**

### **ARBITRATION**

#### **Section 1.     Arbitration Appeal**

- A.     If an employee grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the aggrieved employee or the PBA may, within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the Step 2 response, submit a request for arbitration to the Labor Relations Office.
- B.     In non-disciplinary grievances, either the PBA or the Employer may request to take the issue or grievance directly to arbitration by submitting the request for arbitration to the Labor Relations Office.
- C.     If the parties fail to mutually agree upon an arbitrator within five (5) calendar days after the date of receipt of the arbitration request, a list of seven (7) qualified neutrals shall be requested and paid for by the moving party from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). Within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the list, the parties shall meet and alternately strike names on the list, and the remaining name shall be the arbitrator. A coin shall be tossed to determine who shall strike first. Each party has the right to reject one list. The party rejecting the list shall be responsible for paying for and obtaining the next list and the above described procedures will be followed for selection from the list. If the selected arbitrator is not available for a hearing within ninety (90) days of the date the arbitrator was selected, another list may be requested by the Labor Relations Office, which will pay the fee for that particular list.

If the grievant is not represented by the Union, the list of arbitrators, to include case management, shall be requested from the American Arbitration Association (AAA) with the moving party paying whatever fees may be charged. Once a list has been obtained, the procedures detailed above shall be used for selecting an arbitrator.

- D.     The hearing on the grievance shall be informal and the rules of evidence shall not apply; however, to assure an orderly hearing, the rules of judicial procedure should be followed as closely as possible.

#### **Section 2.     General Provisions**

- A.     The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, modify, or alter the terms of this Agreement in arriving at a decision of the issue or issues presented, and shall confine the decision solely to the interpretation or application of the Agreement. The arbitrator shall not have authority to determine any other issues not submitted.
- B.     The decision of the arbitrator made within the scope of authority as outlined in Section 2(A) of this Article, shall be final and binding upon the aggrieved employee or the PBA and the Employer but neither party waives its rights under state law.



- C. The arbitrator's fee and expenses shall be borne by the losing party. In the event that the arbitrator makes any change in the award, meaning the arbitrator does not fully uphold the position of either party, the arbitrator's fee and expenses shall be borne equally by the parties to the arbitration.

In the event a scheduled hearing is rescheduled or canceled and fees are due to the arbitrator, the party rescheduling or canceling the hearing is responsible to pay the costs. If both parties mutually make the decision to reschedule or cancel the hearing, the fees due to the arbitrator shall be split equally by the parties.

- D. The expenses in connection with attendance of participants and witnesses for either side shall be paid by the party producing such participants and witnesses, except as otherwise specified in Article 9, Section 1(F) of this Agreement.
- E. The arbitrator shall be requested to render a decision as quickly as possible, but in any event, no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the hearing or after receipt of the post-hearing briefs. When post-hearing briefs are to be submitted and one of the parties orders a transcript of the hearing prior to preparing its brief, that party shall notify the other party and the arbitrator as to when it has received the transcript. Both parties shall have twenty (20) calendar days following notification of receipt of the transcript to prepare and mail their briefs to the arbitrator, unless both parties agree to some other deadline.
- F. For grievances that include a monetary claim against the Employer, the arbitrator shall not award the accrual of back pay and/or benefits that are more than thirty-one (31) calendar days prior to the date the employee filed the written grievance.
- G. Upon receipt of the arbitrator's award, corrective action, if any, will be implemented as soon as possible, but in any event no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the arbitrator's award.
- H. Either party to this Agreement desiring transcripts of the arbitration hearings shall be responsible for the cost of such transcripts, if available.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **ILLNESS LEAVE**

#### **Section 1. Accrual Rate**

- A. Employees covered by this Agreement shall accrue four (4) hours of illness leave for each eighty (80) regularly scheduled work hours on active pay status with a maximum accrual of 1,500 hours.
- B. Personal leave hours are a separate benefit from annual leave, but shall be scheduled and authorized in accordance with the provisions for annual leave.
- C. Personal leave hours shall not be considered work time.

- D. Personal leave hours shall not be donated or transferred to other employees or as donations to Union Pool Time.
- E. Unused personal leave hours shall not be paid out upon separation from employment.

Section 2. Use

Illness leave shall be charged by the actual hours and tenths of hours used. An employee shall not be entitled to apply any illness hours in excess of the amount of such leave accumulated.

Section 3. Purpose

- A. The purpose of the illness leave program is to provide employees with base salary during temporary periods of illness or injury in which they are medically incapacitated and unable to perform their job assignments, and for medical, dental and/or vision appointments.
- B. Beginning in FY 2023, illness leave may also be used to provide employees with base salary during temporary periods during which an immediate family member (to include spouse, parent, parent in-law, or dependent child) incurs an injury or illness and the employee is needed to provide emergent and temporary care. This provision does not cover requests for scheduled leave. At any time during the duration of this agreement this additional illness leave benefit can be temporarily suspended by the Chief of Police (or designee) if the following circumstance occurs:
  - 1. If at any time, the “actual sworn strength” of personnel falls below 90% of the “authorized sworn strength” which is currently six hundred and two (602) sworn personnel. “Actual sworn strength” shall be defined as the total number of sworn personnel who are assigned to any of the three (3) SPPD bureaus and includes the total number of sworn personnel who are assigned to the “Post-Academy Program,” the “Field Training Program,” and those personnel listed as “Solo Personnel.”

It is understood that any request for time off within twenty-four (24) hours of the employee’s shift start is considered unscheduled leave, including time off to care for family members.

The Police Chief or designee may send home an employee who is too ill or injured to work or would cause an unhealthy working condition.

Section 5. Notification

- A. An employee medically incapacitated to the extent of being unable to work or who needs leave to provide emergent and temporary care for an immediate family member who is ill or injured shall personally notify the supervisor or other approved department representative at such time before the scheduled reporting time as designated by the Department, giving the reason for the requested illness leave and the expected duration of the absence. Occasionally, circumstances may prevent an employee from personally notifying the Department of an absence, in

which case notification may be made by another person. If an employee is not able to notify and can substantiate this to the satisfaction of Department management, illness leave may be authorized by the Police Chief or designee.

- B. Employees shall follow proper notification and absence request procedures for each day the employee is unable to work, unless prior approval specifically waiving this requirement is granted by the Police Chief or designee. Failure to properly report absences may cause an employee to be charged with leave of absence without permission and may result in disciplinary action.
- C. Certain requests for illness leave may qualify and be covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA). If the illness leave is covered by this Act, it will be applied to the twelve (12) weeks per year of leave which must be granted to eligible employees by the City. The year is defined by the City as a "rolling" twelve (12)-month period which is the twelve (12) months preceding the current FMLA event. It is understood that FMLA leave runs concurrently with time off due to on-duty injuries or illnesses covered by workers' compensation.

#### Section 6. Physician's Report

- A. In order to utilize the illness benefit under this Article for bona-fide illnesses or injuries which require an employee's absence from work, the Police Chief or designee may use discretion as to when a completed illness/injury report signed by an attending physician is necessary (see form at end of this Article) including verification that an employee was needed to care for an immediate family member. However, a completed report shall be required in each case where an employee is absent for more than three (3) consecutive days or for repeat/chronic revisits to the doctor for follow-up illnesses or injuries.
- B. The illness/injury report form shall be presented to Department management for verification. The form will not be accepted by Department management unless it has been properly completed in full, including the employee's return to duty date, the attending physician's signature, and the physician's diagnosis covering the dates of treatment and recuperative period required.

#### Section 7. Illness Recuperation

- A. An employee granted illness leave for the employee's own illness shall assist in promoting recuperation by remaining at either the employee's residence, a hospital, or another location approved in writing in advance by the attending physician. The written approval shall be presented to the Police Chief or designee for verification prior to the employee recuperating at the alternate site. An employee authorized to be absent from work for medical reasons shall not engage in any recreational or work activities except upon receiving prior written approval from the physician. The written approval shall be presented to the Police Chief or designee for verification. The City reserves the right to obtain at its own expense the opinion of another physician of its own choosing concerning what constitutes an appropriate location for recuperation or appropriate recreational activities for an employee too

ill or injured to work. Abuse of illness leave privileges shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

- B. Other places of recuperation in addition to the above require the following:
  - 1. Pre-authorization by a medical doctor must be in writing with specifics,
  - 2. Pre-authorization must be on file with the immediate supervisor and is to include the employee's address and phone number, if applicable, where the employee may be reached.
- C. Employees recuperating from a medical condition in which there was no involvement with doctors or hospitals may request, through the chain of command, another place of recuperation. Approval will be required in advance and the employee's address and phone number where the employee may be reached are to be a part of the request.
- D. If, and whenever, illness leave may appear to be abused or frequently used, including leave to care for an immediate family member, Department management may require the employee claiming/requesting such leave to furnish an illness/injury report to support the necessity for such absence. Consistent with Section 7(A) of this Article, abuse of illness leave privileges shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

Section 8. Department management shall use discretion in determining whether or not a visit is required to verify the reason for an employee's medical absence and a report made of the reasons for absence from duty.

Section 9. Should an employee be absent for reported medical reasons and fail to comply with the provisions of this Article, such employee's timesheet shall be coded as leave without pay, and the employee may be disciplined.

Section 10. Pay Off Provision

During the term of this Agreement, upon separation of employment for reasons of either normal or disability retirement, death of an employee who would otherwise be eligible for normal retirement, or death of an officer resulting from injuries sustained while engaged in the performance of the officer's law enforcement duties, employees or their estates shall be entitled to receive a payment for unused illness leave hours credited to their account based on the following formula:

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the accrued hours up to a maximum of three hundred seventy-five (375) hours.

This payment shall be determined on the employee's base straight time hourly rate at the time of retirement, or death, if applicable.

Section 11.    Miscellaneous Provisions

- A.    An employee making a departmental transfer will retain any illness leave hours and personal leave hours.
- B.    Employees may not use illness leave for illnesses or injuries sustained while engaged in outside employment.
- C.    Those employees who suffer injuries or illnesses which preclude them from being able to work light duty shall also be covered by the one- or two-year time frame for recovery purposes, depending upon which is applicable, as detailed in Article 15.

**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG  
ILLNESS/INJURY REPORT**

PATIENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Employee)  
Department/Division \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT**

I examined the above-named patient on \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of injury or illness \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE (if patient is City employee):

☐ Patient may return to work immediately.

☐ Patient may work a light duty assignment.

☐ Patient unable to work due to this injury/illness from \_\_\_\_\_ (date) through  
\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

For the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date patient can return to work \_\_\_\_\_

Restriction or comments \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Was this condition reported to you as job related? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check this box if patient is an immediate family member of employee who needed emergent and temporary care.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attending Physician's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

## ARTICLE 12

### **BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

Section 1. Employees covered by this Agreement may be granted, upon approval of the Police Chief or designee, time off with pay, if applicable, at the employee's base straight time rate, not to exceed forty (40) work hours, to attend the funeral and/or memorial service (hereinafter service) and/or attend to the affairs or handle related activities in the event of a death in the employee's immediate family. All days taken for bereavement leave must be taken within thirty (30) consecutive calendar days surrounding the date of the service or date of death if no service is held. If the service is to be held outside the state of Florida, the employee may be granted time off with pay from the regularly scheduled work hours up to eighty (80) work hours to attend the service. Should the employee not attend the out-of-state service but need time to make service arrangements or handle related activities, up to forty (40) hours of paid time off may be granted. Such leave shall be granted by the Police Chief or designee except in such cases as determined that such leave is not possible because of operational requirements.

Section 2. For the purpose of this Article, the employee's immediate family shall be defined as the employee's father, mother, legal guardian(s), spouse, son, daughter, unborn child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandparents, great-grandparents, stepparents, step-children, step-siblings, grandchildren, or spouse's grandparents.

Section 3. Should an employee require additional time other than provided in Section 1 of this Article, the employee may request the additional time from the Police Chief or designee. Any additional time used shall be charged to annual leave or the holiday storage account if the employee has hours accrued that can be charged. Use of annual leave or holiday time for this purpose shall not result in the cancellation of annual leave already scheduled by the employee; if necessary, the portion of the approved and previously scheduled annual leave for which the employee does not have sufficient time accrued may be taken as leave without pay.

Should an employee request annual leave to attend the service for an individual who is a member of the employee's immediate household but is not listed in Section 2 of this Article, the employee's supervisor shall, operational considerations permitting, grant the request.

Section 4. The employee shall, at the discretion of the Police Chief or designee, provide the Department with proof of death in the immediate family as defined in Section 2 of this Article before compensation is approved.

Section 5. An employee must be on active pay status to be eligible for this benefit.

## ARTICLE 13

### **MILITARY LEAVE**

Military Leave for employees covered by this Agreement shall be governed by Florida Statutes, Chapters 115 and 250, as well as the administrative procedures included in the City's Rules and Regulations of the Personnel Management System.

## ARTICLE 14

### **ON-DUTY INJURY BENEFITS** (Workers' Compensation Supplement)

This Article is intended to supplement the wage benefit provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law of the State of Florida.

- A. The Employer agrees to compensate employees covered by this Agreement for on-duty injuries sustained by an employee while acting within the scope of employment and not as a result of the employee's failure to comply with published safety rules and regulations. On-duty injury benefits consisting of on-duty injury pay, annual leave accrual, and illness leave accrual shall be provided to an employee who is unable to work in any capacity as a result of an on-duty injury.
- B. An injury shall be determined to have been incurred while on duty only if such injury is a compensable injury under the Florida Workers' Compensation Law. The Employer's physician, in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Law, shall determine the length of time an employee is designated as "no duty" or Total Temporary Disability (TTD) resulting in absence from work due to the on-duty injury.
- C. The amount of on-duty injury pay shall be the amount of the employee's base salary up to the time that Workers' Compensation wage benefits begin. When Workers' Compensation wage benefits begin, the on-duty injury pay shall be the difference between the Workers' Compensation wage benefits and the employee's current base take home pay.

Base take home pay is defined as base salary after it has been reduced by normal federal withholding taxes (income tax and Social Security, if applicable). Base salary is the employee's straight time hourly rate times base bi-weekly work hours (eighty (80) for employees covered by this Agreement).

- D. The entitlement for on-duty injury benefits shall commence with the employee's first scheduled work shift following the date of injury, which is the date on the City's Report of an Injury to an Employee form completed by the employee and the employee's supervisor and shall continue for fifty-two (52) calendar weeks. In the event the no duty or TTD status extends beyond twenty-one (21) calendar days, the amount of on-duty injury pay paid by the Employer for the first seven (7) days shall be adjusted to equal the employee's base salary, less the Workers' Compensation wage benefits payments.
- E. The initial period of on-duty injury pay shall be a maximum of twelve (12) calendar weeks. Payments made by the Employer during this period shall not be charged against accumulated illness leave or annual leave.
- F. In the event that the no duty or TTD status extends beyond twelve (12) calendar weeks, the employee shall immediately notify the Police Chief, who may request



an extension from the Risk Manager in Human Resources. If an extension of on-duty injury benefits beyond twelve (12) calendar weeks is granted, the benefits shall be retroactive to the date the extension was requested. Until such time as the extension is approved, or if the extension is not approved, the employee shall be allowed to utilize accumulated illness leave or annual leave to make up the difference between Workers' Compensation payments and current base salary.

In the event an extension of on-duty injury benefits is granted, illness leave or annual leave used in the interim will be returned to the employee's illness leave or annual leave account. On-duty injury benefits may not be provided beyond one (1) year from the date of injury as established by Workers' Compensation unless extenuating circumstances so indicate; in such cases, benefits shall be provided only with the approval of the Mayor or designee.

- G. While an employee is on no duty or TTD status and is receiving on-duty injury pay, illness and annual leave accruals shall continue for a maximum of fifty-two (52) calendar weeks from the employee's first scheduled work shift following the date of injury as recorded on the Report of an Injury to an Employee form.
- H. An employee granted on-duty injury benefits shall be required to comply with the illness leave provisions of this Agreement as they pertain to recuperation, substantiation of medical conditions, and the performance of light duty as applicable.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **TEMPORARY RESTRICTED (LIGHT) DUTY**

Section 1. Employees may suffer injuries or illnesses which temporarily prevent them from performing the full range of the essential functions of their assigned positions. However, they may be able to work a restricted duty assignment. All employee requests for light duty must be accompanied by a physician's statement describing the specific restrictions being placed on the employee's activities. This physician's statement must also state that light duty work is appropriate given the employee's condition. The Department may assign such duties as the health and condition of the involved employee(s) permit. Employees injured on duty are also eligible to receive Workers' Compensation and on-duty injury benefits in accordance with state law and provisions contained elsewhere in this Agreement.

Section 2. Employees who are temporarily unable to perform full duty may request light duty assignments through their Chain of Command. Light duty assignments will be made through the Office of the Police Chief and may be mandated by management if light duty work is available. First preference for light duty assignments shall be given to employees who have been injured on the job. If light duty work is not available as determined by the Police Chief or designee, the employee shall not be permitted to work but may utilize whatever benefit, if any, is appropriate (e.g., accrued annual leave, accrued illness leave, Workers' Compensation leave, etc.). If light duty work is available and the employee chooses as permitted by the Family Medical Leave Act not to work light duty in the case of an on-duty injury, the employee will not receive Workers'

Compensation pay or on-duty injury benefits but may use the appropriate accrued leave or leave without pay if no accrued leave is available.

Section 3. The opportunity to work light duty, if available, shall be afforded to a Police Officer who has suffered an on-duty injury, and to a Forensic Services Technician or Latent Print Examiner who suffers an on-duty injury as the result of one of the following: 1) exposure to hazardous substances, such as HBV and HIV-contaminated materials or chemicals which are known carcinogens; or 2) physical harm from an encounter with criminal subjects and which results in potentially serious medical treatment and extensive recovery. Light duty assignments are intended for temporary periods when the employee is unable to perform the essential functions of the position and shall cease to be available when the employee reaches maximum medical improvement (MMI) or until a period of two (2) years has expired, whichever occurs first, with the exception of employees who are on probation.

Probationary periods for employees who have an on-duty or off-duty injury or illness will not be extended beyond fifteen (15) months from the sworn employee's classification date, or nine (9) months from the non-sworn employee's classification date, unless one of the following occurs: (i) the probationary employee incurs a serious injury while on duty and is expected to make a return to full duty; or (ii) an additional extension is granted by the Chief of Police (or designee) due to extenuating circumstances and the probationary employee is expected return to full duty.

For purposes of Section 3 above, a serious injury means an injury or illness that:

- (1) Is life-threatening;
- (2) Results in permanent impairment of a body function or permanent damage to a body structure;  
or
- (3) Necessitates medical or surgical intervention to preclude permanent impairment of a body function or permanent damage to a body structure. Permanent means irreversible impairment or damage to a body structure or function, excluding trivial impairment or damage.

The light duty time period begins on the date when the physician places the employee on restricted/modified or no duty/Total Temporary Disability (TTD) status because the employee cannot perform the essential functions of the job and may only be extended by the Human Resources Director for an employee who has suffered a catastrophic injury as defined by Florida law governing Workers' Compensation. This time frame includes time off, time on light duty, and periods when the employee works intermittently. An on-duty injury is an injury compensable under Florida laws governing Workers' Compensation. Employees who are working in a light duty capacity as a result of an on-duty injury shall be relieved of duty when scheduled for authorized Workers' Compensation appointments for continuing treatment, therapy sessions, and/or return visits to the authorized treating physician for evaluations. Absences of less than one (1) full shift for Workers' Compensation follow up treatment shall be considered as regular work time and no loss of pay for pay code purposes. Absences in excess of one (1) full shift shall be covered and paid in accordance with Workers' Compensation provisions. It is understood that FMLA leave runs concurrently with time off due to on-duty injuries or illnesses covered by Workers' Compensation.

Section 4. An employee who has suffered an on-duty injury and either reaches MMI or has worked light duty for the applicable time limitation, whichever is sooner, will have the option to receive a non-disciplinary separation, apply for a disability pension if eligible, and/or be placed into the Alternate Employment Program (AEP) in an effort to find another position within the City which is compatible with the employee's limitations.

Section 5. Officers who have suffered an on-duty injury and who apply for employment in a civilian position within the Department or the City for which they meet the minimum qualifications shall automatically be certified and be placed on the eligibility list for that classification and be considered with others who have qualified for consideration for the position. In the event an Officer does not qualify for a disability pension and accepts and begins work in a civilian position, the employee shall be vested under the vesting schedule provisions of the pension plan for sworn Officers and be enrolled in the Employee Retirement System or the management defined contribution plan, if eligible.

Section 6. An employee who has suffered an on-duty injury and who does not qualify for a pension or who is unable to obtain a different position, may be vested in accordance with the normal vesting schedule contained in the pension plan of which the employee is a member, and shall be given a non-disciplinary separation from employment with the City. Applicable Workers' Compensation benefits will continue to be provided in accordance with Florida law governing Workers' Compensation.

Section 7. The opportunity to work light duty, if available and if so indicated by the health care provider, shall be afforded to an Officer who suffers an illness or has been injured off-duty who is unable to perform the essential functions of the job of Police Officer and to a Latent Print Examiner or Forensic Services Technician who suffers an illness or has been injured off duty or has suffered an on-duty injury which is not a result of one of the conditions described in Section 3 of this Article. Such light duty assignments may continue until the employee is informed by the treating physician about reaching MMI or until a one (1)-year period of time has expired, whichever occurs first, with the exception of employees who are on probation (See Section 3 in this Article). This time frame includes time off, time on light duty, and periods where the employee works intermittently. The one (1)-year time period begins on the date of injury or commencement of the illness.

Section 8. An employee who has suffered an off-duty injury and either reaches MMI or has worked light duty for the applicable time limitation, whichever is sooner, will have the option to receive a non-disciplinary separation, apply for a disability pension if eligible, and/or be placed into the AEP in an effort to find another position within the City which is compatible with the employee's limitations.

Section 9. An employee who does not qualify for a disability pension and/or is not able to obtain a civilian position shall be given a non-disciplinary separation from City employment and may vest in accordance with the normal vesting schedule, if eligible, in the pension plan of which the employee is a member.

Section 10. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to complete any applications related to pension, benefits and/or other employment within the City. In the event the employee is

incapacitated, the employer will waive this requirement to ensure potential benefits are preserved on behalf of the employee.

Section 11. It shall be the responsibility of the Department to request that the Human Resources Department place the employee in the AEP whenever an employee reaches MMI or within ninety (90) days of the expiration of the applicable time limitation, whichever comes first.

Section 12. Both parties agree that the provisions and time frames specified in this Article do not constitute a guarantee of employment. Employees may still be terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Personnel management System, the Police Department General Orders, and under the provisions of this Agreement, which include just cause, lack of work, or other such reasons.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **ANNUAL LEAVE**

#### **Section 1. Purpose of Annual Leave**

The purpose of the annual leave is to provide employees with the opportunity to be absent from work with management approval due to valid reasons without loss of pay or benefits.

#### **Section 2. Annual Leave Accrual Rate**

Accrual of paid annual leave shall be earned on the basis of regularly schedule work hours on active pay status as reflected in the following schedule:

<b><u>Years of Service</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Hourly Accrual Upon Completion of 2080 Work Hours</u></b>
Employment through 5 years	120 hours
Beginning 6th year of employment	128 hours
Beginning 7th year of employment	136 hours
Beginning 8th year of employment	144 hours
Beginning 9th year of employment	152 hours
Beginning 10th year of employment	160 hours
Beginning 12th year of employment	168 hours
Beginning 13th year of employment	176 hours
Beginning 14th year of employment	184 hours
Beginning 18th year of employment	192 hours
Beginning 20th year of employment	200 hours

#### **Section 3. Annual Leave Used for Illness Recuperation**

Provisions governing the use of annual leave for illness/injury reasons may be found in the applicable sections of Article 11 of this Agreement.

Section 4.      General Provisions

- A.      Paid annual leave may not be taken during the initial six (6) months of employment or re-employment except for illness. In addition, employees may not request paid annual leave for hours not earned and accrued, and all annual leave time taken shall be in increments of not less than one-tenth of an hour.
- B.      Requests for annual leave shall be made in advance of use. In emergency cases, the Police Chief or designee may waive this requirement. Certain requests for annual leave may qualify and be covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). If such leave is covered by this Act, it will be applied towards the leave which must be granted to eligible employees. FMLA leave eligibility is based on a "rolling" twelve (12)-month period which is the twelve (12) months preceding the current FMLA event. When an employee uses annual leave for illnesses or injuries after exhausting the illness leave balance, the employee's annual leave account shall not be reduced below forty (40) hours unless requested otherwise by the employee.
- C.      Annual leave requests for vacation periods will be selected by the Department, Division, or Units considering the staffing needed to achieve their mission. Every effort will be made to meet the desires of the employees and priority will be given in scheduling individual annual leave requests for vacation purposes based on seniority date in classification. Once an annual leave request has been authorized in writing by the employee's supervisor and the employee can verify that nonrefundable money has been expended after said authorization was given, the leave shall not be canceled by the Department except in cases of civil emergency as defined in Article 3 of this Agreement.
- D.      The nature of an employee's job and the operational requirements of a Division/Department may cause the Police Chief or designee to limit the scheduling of annual leave during certain periods of the year. Based on operational requirements and when practical and in the best interests of the City, the Department may require the use of annual leave in amounts of forty (40) or more hours.

In general, requests for annual leave for more than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days will not be approved with the exception of circumstances covered by FMLA, the ADA or any other legal requirement or upon written approval from the Police Chief together with the Human Resources Director or their designees as similarly outlined in the policies related to unpaid leaves of absences.

Section 6.      Pay Off of Account

Upon separation from City employment, an employee with at least six (6) months of full-time service from the last date of hire shall be entitled to compensation for unused annual leave

hours subject to a maximum payout of twice the employee's annual leave accrual hours as found in the chart in Section 2 of this Article. Compensation for unused annual leave will be paid at the base straight time hourly rate which is effective on the date of separation.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **HOLIDAYS**

Section 1. The following Holidays shall be observed:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Third Monday in January
Presidents' Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veterans' Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Day following Thanksgiving	Fourth Friday in November
Christmas Day	December 25

Section 2. Whenever possible, employees will be granted time off on holidays. When an employee who is scheduled to work is able to take the holiday off, the employee will receive holiday pay for the hours the employee would normally work. Thus, an employee normally scheduled to work five (5) eight (8)-hour days per week will receive eight (8) hours of holiday pay. An employee who normally works four (4) ten (10)-hour days would receive ten (10) hours of holiday pay. Employees who work a variable hour-per-day schedule shall receive eight (8) hours of pay for the holiday if they were scheduled to work that day and were able to take the day off.

Section 3. An employee, regardless of work schedule, who is required to work on a holiday or whose normal day off occurs on any such holiday shall be paid an additional eight (8) hours at straight time hourly rate of pay.

Section 4. Employees who work five (5) eight (8)-hour shifts per week may elect to store their holiday hours. Employees who work four (4) ten (10)-hour shifts per week may also elect to store their ten (10) hours of holiday time worked. However, the maximum number of holiday hours in any fiscal year that employees may designate and assign as stored hours shall not exceed eighty-eight (88) hours during that fiscal year. For example, if an employee stores forty (40) hours, but subsequently uses twenty (20) of those stored hours prior to storing any additional hours, the employee remains eligible to only store up to an additional forty-eight (48) hours in that same fiscal year to equal the maximum of eighty-eight (88) hours permitted. This provision therefore requires employees who work a shift of four (4) ten (10)-hour days per week to take off some or all of the holidays that fall on their normally-scheduled work days during the fiscal year in order to receive the benefit of all City-recognized holidays.

Stored holiday time not used or paid out during the fiscal year shall be paid in the last pay period of the fiscal year or prior to an employee being promoted to any higher classification. These hours shall be paid at the employee's straight time hourly rate of pay.

Section 5. In accordance with Article 19, Section 3 of this Agreement, holiday hours shall be counted as work time for the purpose of weekly overtime computation when an employee either uses holiday time on the day of the holiday, or when the employee uses stored holiday hours to take time off at a later date. The use of stored holiday time may be granted at the discretion of Department management.

Section 6. An employee must be on active pay status for the entire scheduled hours of duty or work the normal schedule of hours, either on a regularly scheduled working day immediately prior to a holiday or a regularly scheduled working day immediately following a holiday, in order to qualify for holiday pay. Employees on Workers' Compensation will also qualify for holiday pay.

Section 7. Employees who are scheduled and required by their supervisor to work on the day observed as a holiday must work that day to be eligible to earn the holiday. An employee who is scheduled to work on the day observed as a holiday and reports sick will receive holiday pay for that day. Section 6 of this Article will not apply to employees scheduled and required to work on the day observed as the holiday.

Section 8. Employees on annual leave, military leave, jury duty, illness leave, bereavement leave, and all other absences from duty, and on active pay status on the calendar day the holiday is observed, must use the holiday on the same calendar day that it is earned.

Section 9. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be designated a substitute holiday and observed as the official holiday for that year. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be designated a substitute holiday and observed as the official holiday.

Section 10. The Police Chief will determine which operations will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Section 11. Employees covered by this Agreement will be scheduled by appropriate supervision to work or take a holiday off, if the holiday falls on their normal work day, to provide orderly and efficient police service to the community and Department. After being scheduled to work on a holiday which is a normal work day, an employee may request and be approved to take the holiday off, provided such absence from duty will in no way interfere with the mission of the employee's particular function, operation, unit, section, or division. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Department to close down certain functions, operations, activities, and/or units on the day observed as the holiday.

Section 12. Employees may donate banked holiday time to co-workers at the Police Chief's discretion.

## ARTICLE 18

### PAY

#### Section 1. General Wage Increase

Effective the first payroll period start date of fiscal years 2023-25, pay shall be as shown in Appendix "A" of this Article. For purposes of this Article, all references to "Technicians" include all employees in the classifications of Forensic Services Technician and Latent Print Examiner, except as otherwise indicated.

The pay plan reflects a seven percent (7%) general wage increase for fiscal year 2023 and a five percent (5%) increase for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

#### Section 2. Progression in the Pay Plan

Progression of employees from their current step to the next higher step in the appropriate labor grade for their classifications shall be automatic and will become effective at the beginning of the pay period in which the employee's anniversary date of classification falls contingent upon the employee receiving a satisfactory performance evaluation, which is defined as a rating containing no more than two (2) unacceptable scores. See Pay Plan in Appendix A of this article.

Progression to the final step (Master Patrol Officer) shall not be automatic. In order to progress to step 13, employees must qualify each fiscal year by meeting the following criteria: 1) have at least eighteen (18) years of service in the City's Police Department; 2) have no record of a disciplinary suspension on file within the previous three (3) years; 3) have no more than a total of two (2) unacceptable ratings in any categories in the previous two (2) performance evaluations combined; 4) have no more than four (4) weeks of unscheduled leave beyond the twelve (12) weeks of FMLA leave during the previous twelve (12) months; and 5) agree to perform additional duties as assigned. Prior to progression to Step 13, employees shall agree in writing to the terms above. It is understood that an officer's pay shall be brought back to Step 12 at any time the officer does not maintain the minimum qualifications for the position as stated in this Section and in the Department's policy.

#### Section 3. Shift Differential

##### A. Shift Differential for Employees Assigned to Designated Shifts

Employees working other than the normal shift schedule on a regularly assigned shift/relief starting between 1:00 p.m. and 3:59 a.m. shall be paid a bonus called "shift differential". Day shift (2nd relief) employees who are scheduled to work beyond their regularly scheduled working hours shall not receive shift differential. For the purpose of establishing the applicable shift/relief: 1) a designated shift that normally starts between 1:00 p.m. and 8:59 p.m. shall be designated Third Relief; and 2) a shift that starts between 9:00 p.m. and 3:59 a.m. shall be designated First Relief. Amounts shall be:



First Relief, \$1.75 per hour  
Third Relief, \$1.50 per hour

B. Shift Differential for Officers Working Flexible Schedules

Many Officers are working flexible hours and are not as such assigned to a particular shift. Given their schedules, these Officers will receive a shift differential according to the following:

Start time: 1:00 p.m. or later but on or before 8:59 p.m., \$1.50 per hour  
Start time: 9:00 p.m. or later but on or before 3:59 a.m., \$1.75 per hour

Shift differential for each day an Officer works shall be based upon when the Officer's shift begins, as shown above. If the Officer works two (2) full consecutive shifts, the Officer shall be paid the appropriate shift differential for each of the two (2) shifts, if applicable.

An Officer may occasionally work a split shift which is defined as a shift with a break of at least two (2) hours between the first portion of the shift worked and the second portion of the shift. An Officer who works a split shift will be eligible for shift differential if the second portion of the split shift starts at or after 1:00 p.m. when the hours worked after that starting time total at least six (6) hours or more. The rate of shift differential shall be the same as that paid to Officers assigned to a shift which has a starting time of 1:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., or 11:00 p.m., as indicated above, with the shift differential for the second portion of the shift based upon when the second portion of the shift begins.

C. Shift Differential Eligibility

Employees meeting the criteria in Section 3(A) and 3(B) of this Article shall be eligible for shift differential for all eligible hours worked. However, any hours worked by an Officer in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 8 of this Article will not be eligible for shift differential for those hours.

Section 4. Acting Assignments

A Police Officer who is selected and assigned to serve as an Acting Sergeant or Lieutenant ("Acting Assignment") for a minimum of four (4) consecutive hours shall be compensated at the same base hourly rate of pay the officer would receive if actually promoted. Such Acting Assignments may last for up to six (6) months, after which the employee in the acting assignment would be returned to a non-acting Officer assignment. Any Police Officer who receives a promotion within thirty (30) days following a qualifying Acting Assignment (an Acting Assignment of at least ninety (90) consecutive days) shall have the rate of pay adjusted to receive credit for the time spent acting in that classification to which the employee is promoted.

Section 5.     Extra Duty Pay

A.     Field Training Officer Assignments

Any Police Officer who is assigned to the Field Training Unit as an FTO shall receive, in addition to the Officer's base rate of pay, Extra Duty Pay for Field Training Officer (FTO pay) in the amount equivalent to five percent (5%) of the Officer's base rate of pay during the term of this Agreement. This extra-duty pay will be paid bi-weekly to qualified Officers during their periods of assignment to the Field Training Unit.

Any Police Officer temporarily assigned to the Field Training Unit (Temporary FTOs) will receive, in addition to the Officer's base rate of pay, this FTO pay in the amount equivalent to five percent (5%) of the Officer's base rate of pay only during pay periods in which Probationary Officers (POs) are actively assigned to the Officer.

Officer's assigned to the Field Training Unit who are temporarily assigned to other units/duties, or otherwise not actively engaged in supervising or training POs (or FTOs) for two (2) consecutive pay periods or longer, will not receive extra duty pay for the FTO assignment until the Officer resumes such supervisor or training duties.

B.     Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Assignment

Any Officer who is assigned to the extra duties of a SWAT member shall receive, in addition to the Officer's base rate of pay, extra duty pay for the SWAT assignment in the flat amount of thirty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents (\$38.85) bi-weekly during the term of this Agreement. This extra-duty pay will be paid to qualified Officers during their period of assignment. The Police Chief or designee shall have sole authority in decisions regarding the selection and placement of Officers into FTO and SWAT assignments, and the removal of Officers from FTO and SWAT assignments.

The Police Chief shall have sole authority and discretion to extend the extra duty pay to other unique units within the Department when training of other Officers in a manner similar to Field Training is determined to be feasible and beneficial to Department operations.

C.     Field Training Technician (FTT) Assignments

Forensic service employees who are assigned to be Field Training Technicians (FTT) shall receive, in addition to their base rate of pay, extra duty pay for Field Training Technician (FTT pay) assignments in the flat amount of forty-eight dollars and thirty- five cents (\$48.35) bi-weekly during the term of this Agreement. This extra duty pay will be paid to such employees during their period of assignment.

The Police Chief or designee shall have sole authority in decisions regarding the selection and placement of Officers into FTT assignments, and the removal of Officers from FTT assignments.

D. Lead Forensic Technician Assignments

Any Forensic Technician who is assigned to be the Lead Forensic Technician (LFT) shall receive, in addition to the Technician's base rate of pay, Extra Duty Pay for Lead Forensic Technician (LFT) in the amount equivalent to five percent (5%) of the Technician's base rate of pay during the term of this Agreement. This extra-duty pay will be paid bi-weekly to qualified Technicians during their periods of assignment as an LFT.

The Police Chief or designee shall have the sole authority in the selection and placement of a Technician into a Lead Forensic Technician assignment, and the removal from that assignment.

- E. It is understood that the Extra Duty Pay becomes part of the employee's base rate of pay for purposes of computing overtime, in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Section 6. Credit for Previous Law Enforcement Experience

The Police Chief or designee shall have the discretion to place a newly hired, including re-hired, certified Law Enforcement Officer at a level of the Police Officer Pay Plan (Appendix "A") above the Entry Step but no higher than Step 5. An Officer's placement into a step above the entry level will be determined based upon an assessment made by the Police Chief, or designee, of the newly hired Officer's education, training, and experience.

Seniority and all other benefits shall begin at the Entry Step for all Officers hired under this provision.

Section 7. Clothing Allowance

- A. The Employer agrees for the term of this Agreement, to continue to make available a clothing allowance for designated Officers and Latent Print Examiners.
- B. The amount of the clothing allowance shall be three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375.00) for each half of the fiscal year covered by this contract.
- C. Designated employees shall receive (pro rata) the clothing allowance twice a year, during October and April.
- D. A newly designated/assigned employee may receive a clothing allowance up to six (6) months in advance (one half (½) of the annual allowance). For example, a newly designated employee can be paid up to the full semi-annual payment amount applicable as of the date designated/assigned.

- E. If a newly designated/assigned Officer receives a clothing allowance in advance and then leaves the duty and becomes no longer eligible prior to completing six (6) months, the Officer shall pay back the advance clothing allowance received. The payback shall be on a weekly pro rata basis, i.e., the payback shall be reduced by 1/52 of the annual maximum for each full week of service in the designated duty.

Section 8. K-9 Allowance

K-9 Officers perform work related to the care of department dogs outside of their normally scheduled hours. The City recognizes that this time is compensable under the current provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and will be paid in accordance with the following:

- A. K-9 Officers will be paid for the care of department dogs done after their normally scheduled work hours at the federally established minimum wage plus two dollars (\$2.00) per hour.
- B. The parties to this Agreement concur that an average of five (5) hours per week is spent on such duties. K-9 Officers will not work beyond the five (5) hours established unless exigent circumstances indicate a need and only upon the approval of a supervisor. The parties further agree that it is the prerogative of the Department whether time spent in excess of the above is necessary.
- C. Whenever a K-9 Officer is eligible for overtime pay, the premium pay shall be based on the "weighted average" of the employee's two rates of pay (the one for law enforcement and the one for canine care) as required by the current provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- D. K-9 Officers will be charged with the appropriate leave whenever they work less than the regularly scheduled forty (40) hours per week for law enforcement duties. For example, an Officer who takes off one (1) shift for annual leave purposes will be paid straight time for thirty-two (32) hours worked, eight (8) hours for annual leave and five (5) hours at straight time pay for canine care and maintenance duties. The five (5) hours for canine care will not be counted towards the regularly scheduled forty (40) hours per week.
- E. K-9 Officers will continue to receive seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars per month as reimbursement for miscellaneous expenses associated with the care and maintenance of the dog.

Section 9. Uniform Maintenance Allowance for Forensic Services Technicians

- A. All Forensic Services Technicians covered by this Agreement who are on the payroll during the last payday in September shall be eligible to receive a uniform maintenance allowance for the purpose of maintaining Technician uniforms and related clothing worn during working hours.

Technicians hired during the fiscal year will receive a weekly-based prorated amount depending on the number of weeks served during the covered period (number of weeks times 1/52 of annual amount).

Technicians who retire, resign, or are laid off during the fiscal year, will receive a weekly-based prorated amount at the time of separation. Those terminated for cause shall not receive the weekly-based prorated amount at the time of separation.

(Example: A Technician who worked twenty-six (26) weeks of the fiscal year would receive fifty percent (50%) of the annual allowance payment upon retirement, resignation or lay off).

- B. This payment shall be made to eligible Technicians by the City on the last payday during September for each applicable year of the contract.
- C. The amount of the uniform maintenance allowance payment for eligible Technicians shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year.
- D. The Police Department agrees to continue to furnish uniforms for Technicians.

#### Section 10. Compensation for Off-Duty Permit Assignments

All authorized and approved permit assignment work performed by off-duty Officers shall be paid at one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the officer's normal base hourly rate for all permit assignment hours worked.

#### Section 11. Compensation for Tropicana Field Assignments

The parties agree that a separate rate has been agreed upon for traffic control and inside security assignments for events taking place at Tropicana Field. All off-duty Officers working an event at Tropicana Field shall be paid one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of their normal base hourly rate of pay regardless of the specific assignment, and regardless if the employee has worked a forty (40) hour work week at the time of the off-duty assignment.

#### Section 12. Compensation for Working City Co-Sponsored Events

Off-duty officers required to work City sponsored and co-sponsored events will be paid for all hours worked at one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee's base hourly rate. Employees assigned to these events shall be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours for each assignment.

#### Section 13. Police Officer Recruitment Bonus

The City agrees to extend a Police Officer Recruitment Bonus to employees in the PBA Police Officers and Technicians Unit, subject to eligibility and administrative criteria established by the City. The purpose of the bonus is to provide an incentive to City employees to assist the Police Department with recruiting new officers. Accordingly,

eligible employees will receive eight (8) hours of personal leave for each new person they refer who successfully enters the City of St. Petersburg Police Academy. Those eligible employees would receive eight (8) additional hours of personal leave once the recruited employee becomes classified as a police officer. The parties understand that this benefit is based on the current needs of the Police Department, and that the City can unilaterally remove this benefit at any time.

**APPENDIX “A” TO ARTICLE 18 (PAY)  
FISCAL YEARS 2023-25 PAY PLAN**

**OFFICER PAY PLAN**

	<b>Steps</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 (Master)</b>
FY23	Annual	\$62,067	\$66,102	\$68,598	\$71,219	\$73,902	\$76,731	\$79,685	\$82,701	\$85,904	\$89,170	\$92,581	\$96,117	\$99,216	\$101,171
	Hourly	\$29.84	\$31.78	\$32.98	\$34.24	\$35.53	\$36.89	\$38.31	\$39.76	\$41.30	\$42.87	\$44.51	\$46.21	\$47.70	\$48.64
FY24	Annual	\$65,171	\$69,408	\$72,028	\$74,780	\$77,598	\$80,568	\$83,669	\$86,836	\$90,199	\$93,628	\$97,210	\$100,923	\$104,177	\$106,230
	Hourly	\$31.33	\$33.37	\$34.63	\$35.95	\$37.31	\$38.73	\$40.23	\$41.75	\$43.37	\$45.01	\$46.74	\$48.52	\$50.09	\$51.07
FY25	Annual	\$68,429	\$72,878	\$75,630	\$78,519	\$81,477	\$84,596	\$87,852	\$91,178	\$94,709	\$98,309	\$102,070	\$105,969	\$109,386	\$111,541
	Hourly	\$32.90	\$35.04	\$36.36	\$37.75	\$39.17	\$40.67	\$42.24	\$43.84	\$45.53	\$47.26	\$49.07	\$50.95	\$52.59	\$53.63

**LATENT PRINT EXAMINER PAY PLAN**

	<b><u>Steps</u></b>	<b>E</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 (Master)</b>
FY23	Annual	\$63,003	\$66,747	\$69,014	\$71,302	\$73,715	\$76,190	\$78,790	\$81,411	\$84,198	\$87,027	\$89,981	\$93,018	\$96,179	\$99,486
	Hourly	\$30.29	\$32.09	\$33.18	\$34.28	\$35.44	\$36.63	\$37.88	\$39.14	\$40.48	\$41.84	\$43.26	\$44.72	\$46.24	\$47.83
FY24	Annual	\$66,153	\$70,085	\$72,465	\$74,868	\$77,401	\$80,000	\$82,730	\$85,482	\$88,408	\$91,379	\$94,480	\$97,668	\$100,988	\$104,461
	Hourly	\$31.80	\$33.69	\$34.84	\$35.99	\$37.21	\$38.46	\$39.77	\$41.10	\$42.50	\$43.93	\$45.42	\$46.96	\$48.55	\$50.22
FY25	Annual	\$69,461	\$73,589	\$76,088	\$78,611	\$81,271	\$84,000	\$86,866	\$89,756	\$92,829	\$95,947	\$99,204	\$102,552	\$106,038	\$109,684
	Hourly	\$33.39	\$35.38	\$36.58	\$37.79	\$39.07	\$40.38	\$41.76	\$43.15	\$44.63	\$46.13	\$47.69	\$49.30	\$50.98	\$52.73

**FORENSIC SERVICES TECHNICIAN PAY PLAN**

	<b>Steps</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 (Master)</b>
FY23	Annual	\$58,760	\$62,400	\$64,563	\$66,747	\$69,056	\$71,427	\$73,840	\$76,378	\$78,998	\$81,682	\$84,510	\$87,402	\$90,397	\$93,475
	Hourly	\$28.25	\$30.00	\$31.04	\$32.09	\$33.20	\$34.34	\$35.50	\$36.72	\$37.98	\$39.27	\$40.63	\$42.02	\$43.46	\$44.94
FY24	Annual	\$61,698	\$65,520	\$67,791	\$70,085	\$72,509	\$74,999	\$77,532	\$80,196	\$82,948	\$85,766	\$88,736	\$91,772	\$94,917	\$98,149
	Hourly	\$29.66	\$31.50	\$32.59	\$33.69	\$34.86	\$36.06	\$37.28	\$38.56	\$39.88	\$41.23	\$42.66	\$44.12	\$45.63	\$47.19
FY25	Annual	\$64,783	\$68,796	\$71,181	\$73,589	\$76,134	\$78,748	\$81,409	\$84,206	\$87,096	\$90,054	\$93,173	\$96,360	\$99,662	\$103,056
	Hourly	\$31.15	\$33.08	\$34.22	\$35.38	\$36.60	\$37.86	\$39.14	\$40.48	\$41.87	\$43.30	\$44.79	\$46.33	\$47.91	\$49.55

**Note:** *Annual salaries are for reference only and are based on 2,080 regularly scheduled hours. Because pay hours may vary, the annual salaries are not to be construed as guaranteed income for the year.*



## ARTICLE 19

### WORK WEEK AND OVERTIME

Section 1. The normal work week will consist of forty (40) hours. Department management will establish the work week and hours of work best suited to meet the needs of the Department and provide superior service to the community. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a guarantee or limitation of the number of hours to be worked per week.

Section 2. Employees covered by this Agreement who are required to be on call for their entire shifts of work, shall be entitled to a paid meal break. Employees not required to be on call for their entire shifts shall have an unpaid lunch break scheduled by management.

Section 3.

- A. With the exception of the Off-Duty Permit and Tropicana Field Assignments outlined in Article 18, authorized and approved work performed in excess of forty (40) hours in any one (1) work week shall be considered as overtime and shall be paid at the overtime rate of one and one-half (1½) times the employee's regular hourly rate of pay as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act. For purposes of overtime computation, holiday time (whether used in the week of the holiday or used from the employee's "banked" holiday hours) shall be counted as time worked.
- B. Known and scheduled overtime will be assigned with as much advance notice as possible.

Section 4. For purposes of overtime computation, annual leave, illness leave, personal leave, bereavement leave, jury duty, military leave, PBA Business time coded as non-sweat time for pay purposes, and other absences from duty shall not be considered as time worked.

Section 5. Employees shall be required to work overtime when requested unless excused by supervision. In the event any employee is required to work overtime, the employee will not be required to use annual leave nor be placed in a "leave without pay" status during the basic work week in order to compensate or offset the overtime hours worked or to be worked.

Section 6. When an employee is required to work overtime in excess of four (4) hours before or after regular shift hours, the employee's immediate supervisor will schedule a paid meal period during the overtime assignment unless the employee's overtime work assignment requires the constant attention or availability of the employee or the employee does not desire a meal period.

Section 7.     Special Events

Whenever an employee is scheduled to be off and the employee's regularly scheduled day(s) off is/are canceled and the employee is assigned to work a special event (e.g., St. Anthony's Triathlon, MLK Parade, Fourth of July) all hours worked shall be paid at the overtime rate. Once an annual leave request (including use of stored holiday hours) has been authorized in writing by an employee's supervisor and the employee can verify that non-refundable money has been expended after said authorization was given, the leave shall not be canceled by the Department

except in cases of civil emergency as defined in Article 3 of this Agreement. This provision shall also apply in cases when an employee has made non-refundable arrangements connected with consecutive scheduled days off which do not require the use of accrued annual leave or use of holiday hours.

#### Section 8.     Call Back

Call back pay is provided to compensate employees ordered to return to work on an unexpected basis after completing a regularly assigned shift of work or a regularly assigned week of work. Call back work is work to be performed which is of an emergency or unexpected nature and should not be associated or confused with the monthly department shift/work schedule or anticipated additional work requirements.

Any employee who is off duty and contacted after leaving the premises, and ordered to return to work shall be eligible for call back pay in accordance with the provisions of the following paragraphs:

- A. Any employee who is on duty and is instructed to continue to work past normal shift-ending time shall be ineligible for call back pay but may be eligible for compensation at the overtime rate of pay. Anyone who completes a shift and is required to return to work in less than eight (8) hours from the time of checking off duty shall be eligible for a one (1)-hour inconvenience bonus.
- B. Any employee required to continue working after a regular scheduled shift shall be ineligible for call back pay but may be eligible for compensation at the overtime rate of pay.
- C. Any employee required to return to work three (3) hours or less prior to the regularly scheduled starting time shall be paid for the actual time worked plus a one (1)-hour inconvenience bonus.
- D. If an employee is called back to work and the call back is canceled prior to the employee arriving at work or before the employee actually performs any work, the employee shall not be eligible for call back pay but shall receive the one (1)-hour inconvenience bonus.
- E. Any employee eligible for call back pay shall be paid for the actual hours worked, plus a one (1)-hour bonus for the call back inconvenience. A minimum guarantee of four (4) hours pay which will include the one (1)-hour inconvenience bonus shall be paid. The maximum any employee may receive the call back inconvenience pay is twice in a twenty-four (24) hour period. If the employee is called back to work more than two (2) times in a twenty-four (24) hour period, the employee shall be paid at the applicable rate from the time of notice to the time the employee returns home. If the employee goes to a destination other than the employee's home after completion of the assignment, the employee shall be paid only until released from duty. All hours worked on a call back shall be counted toward computing the weekly overtime.

- F. An employee who is called back and works for a complete shift immediately prior to the employee's next scheduled shift may request and be granted relief from duty without losing the one (1)-hour inconvenience bonus for the call back assignment.

#### Section 9. Standby Time

In order to provide coverage for services during off-duty hours, it may be necessary to assign and schedule certain employees to standby duty. A standby duty assignment is made by the Police Chief or designee who requires an employee to be available for work due to an urgent situation on off-duty time, which may include nights, weekends, or holidays.

Employees assigned to a standby duty by Department management are guaranteed standby pay of two (2) hours at their regular straight time rate for each eight (8)-hour increment of standby time assigned and scheduled. Standby assignments shall be made by management in eight (8)-hour increments.

Employees while on standby duty when called to work will, in addition to the standby pay of two (2) hours for each eight (8) hours assigned, be paid for the actual time worked with a minimum guarantee of one (1) hour of pay for each call to work. For pay purposes actual time worked starts at the time of notice and ends when the employee returns home. If the employee goes to a destination other than the employee's home after completion of the assignment, the employee shall be paid only until released from duty.

In the event any employee who is on standby duty fails to respond to a call to work, the employee will forfeit the standby pay and may be subject to possible disciplinary measures.

Standby time shall not count as hours worked for the purpose of computing overtime pay.

Section 10. Employees on active status covered by this Agreement shall be considered on duty while responding to an emergency and/or performing police functions during their off-duty time.

#### Section 11. Off-Duty Court Attendance

- A. Court attendance is an integral part of police work, and the parties agree that Police Officers required to attend court in the performance of their duties should be fairly compensated.
- B. An employee required to attend court or a court related hearing, such as a deposition, for purposes directly related to the performance of duties as a Police Officer during scheduled off-duty hours shall be compensated two (2) hours of pay for all appearances commencing during the two hour period, provided that the start of the two (2)-hour period is more than sixty (60) minutes prior to the employee's regularly scheduled check-on time or more than sixty (60) minutes after the employee's regularly scheduled check-off time.
  - 1. Multiple appearances commencing during the two (2)-hour period shall be paid on the basis of a single two (2)-hour guarantee.

2. The employee will be compensated from the time the first appearance begins until two (2) hours later or when released by proper judicial authority if the release extends past the two (2)-hour period.
  3. An employee required to attend any court appearance starting within the two (2)-hour period and extending beyond this period shall be paid for the two (2) hours plus all time spent beyond the two (2) hours until released.
- C. An employee required to attend court or a judicial hearing after the employee has been released from a guaranteed two (2) hours shall be guaranteed a minimum of one (1) hour of pay. The same rules shall apply as covered in Section 11(B) of this Article.
- D. An employee attending court or a judicial hearing sixty (60) minutes or less prior to the employee's regularly scheduled check-on time will be placed on on-duty status. Likewise, an employee attending court or a judicial hearing within sixty (60) minutes after the employee's regular scheduled check-off time shall remain on-duty until released by the proper judicial authority or released from duty.
- E. All hours mentioned in paragraphs Section 11 (B), (C), and (D) of this Article shall be counted toward computing the weekly overtime.
- F. Off-Duty Court Standby

In the event that an employee is required to be on off-duty court standby, the employee shall be paid two (2) hours base straight time pay for each day of off-duty court standby. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to check with the Department's Court Liaison Officer or the State Attorney's receptionist for status changes for those cases scheduled at the Pinellas County Criminal Justice Complex; unless notified otherwise by the Court Liaison Officer, the employee shall be released from standby at 4:00 p.m. Current practice for status determination and release from off-duty court standby shall continue for cases scheduled for other courts, (e.g., Traffic Court, Federal Court).

In order to be eligible for court standby payment, the employee must check in as per Department policy, leaving the phone number where the employee may be reached. Off-duty court standby hours paid shall not count as hours worked for the purpose of computing overtime pay.

An employee who is called to appear in court receives standby pay and pay for the time spent in court, with a minimum guarantee of one (1) hour for court time. Time spent in court begins from the time of the first appearance until one (1) hour later or whenever released by proper judicial authority if the release extends past the one (1)-hour period.

Employees covered by this Agreement who are assigned to the second (2nd) relief (day shift), shall be ineligible for off-duty standby pay unless it is on their regularly

scheduled day off or they have been placed on off-duty court standby for evening court hearings.

- G. For provisions covering Court Duty After Retirement, refer to Article 23, Section 4.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **SENIORITY AND REDUCTION-IN-FORCE**

Section 1. City seniority is understood to mean an employee's most recent date of employment or re-employment. Seniority will continue to accrue during all types of leave except for leaves of absence without pay and suspensions without pay in excess of thirty (30) calendar days, which shall cause this date to be adjusted for an equivalent amount of time. A leave of absence without pay or suspension in excess of thirty (30) calendar days shall not cause an employee to lose the City seniority accrued prior to the leave. Leaves of absence without pay for periods of thirty (30) calendar days or less shall not cause the City seniority date to be adjusted.

City seniority shall be used for purposes of computing annual leave accruals, service awards, and other matters based on length of service.

Section 2. Classification seniority shall be understood to mean length of time in classification. After successful completion of the probationary period, length of time in classification reverts to date of entry, transfer, or promotion to present classification. Seniority will continue to accrue during all types of leave except for leaves of absence without pay in excess of thirty (30) calendar days or suspensions, which shall cause this date to be adjusted for an equivalent amount of time. A leave of absence without pay or suspension in excess of thirty (30) calendar days shall not cause an employee to lose the classification seniority accrued prior to the leave. Leaves of absence without pay or suspensions for periods of thirty (30) calendar days or less shall not cause the classification seniority date to be adjusted.

Classification seniority shall be used for purposes of layoffs, performance reviews, and selection of the yearly vacation award as per the Department's procedures for selection of vacations.

In the event an employee is demoted back from a higher rank to the rank of Police Officer, classification seniority date will reflect both time previously spent as a Police Officer as well as any time spent in higher classifications.

Section 3. Employees having a minimum of five (5) years of City seniority shall suffer no loss of either City or classification seniority if on a leave of absence without pay due to the employee's illness for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months. It is understood however, that seniority will not continue to accrue while employees are on a leave of absence without pay for reasons other than illness.

Section 4. All new employees shall be placed on probation for one (1) year in the classification following graduation from the Police Academy or for one (1) year in the classification from the date of employment if the new employee has previously fulfilled the requirements of the State of

Florida Police Standards Board. All new employees on probationary status shall be eligible for membership in the PBA although not eligible to grieve disciplinary action. Non-sworn employees will serve a six (6)-month probationary period.

The Police Chief has the authority to extend the initial probationary period for three (3) additional months. Cumulative absences of thirty (30) calendar days or more, work time spent on light duty status, and any suspensions from scheduled work shall be added to a probationary period.

Section 5. Employees shall lose their seniority as a result of the following:

- A. Resignation
- B. Retirement
- C. Termination for just cause
- D. Layoff exceeding eighteen (18) months
- E. The employee's failure to report to the Employment Office an intent to return to work within seventeen (17) calendar days from the date the City mailed a certified recall notice to the employee's last known address. This time period may be extended another seven (7) calendar days upon proof that the employee was not at the employee's residence or was incapacitated during the seventeen (17) calendar day period and could neither receive nor respond to the notice.
- F. Failure to return from Military Leave within the time limits prescribed by law.

Section 6. Layoff

Department management will notify the PBA in advance of any pending reduction in force. Probationary employees do not have recall rights and will be laid-off first. They shall, however, be placed on the eligibility list in order of their dates of employment. Classified employees will be laid off in the inverse order of their lengths of time in their classification. In the event that two (2) or more classified employees affected have the exact same amount of service in the classification, the employee with the lowest identification number will be deemed to be the senior employee, unless one is eligible to receive veterans' preference in accordance with applicable state or federal laws.

Section 7. Recall

Classified employees in layoff status will retain recall rights for eighteen (18) months and shall have preference to work over all applicants on eligible lists for this period. Recall will be made by certified mail to the last known address in the Employer's records. If the employee fails to notify the Employment Office of acceptance of recall within seventeen (17) calendar days from the date the City mailed the certified notice, the employee will forfeit all recall rights. This time period may be extended another seven (7) calendar days upon proof that the employee was not at the employee's residence or was incapacitated during the seventeen (17) calendar day period and could neither receive or respond to the notice.

Recall will be offered to laid off employees provided they are able to perform the essential functions of the job and provided they still meet all of the City and State requirements to be a Law Enforcement Officer, Fingerprint, or Identification Technician. A laid-off employee, when offered recall, who is temporarily unable to accept due to medical reasons as certified by an attending physician, may request a leave of absence not to exceed thirty (30) days unless the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act entitle the employee to more.

Recall from layoff shall be in the order of classification seniority.

An employee recalled and returned to the active payroll within eighteen (18) months from the effective date of layoff shall retain the classification seniority earned prior to the layoff, although the employee will not receive credit for the time spent on layoff.

Section 8. The Employer shall prepare a seniority list for this bargaining unit and will provide a copy to the PBA during the month of February each year of the contract. This list shall be deemed correct unless an objection is raised by the PBA or by a bargaining unit employee within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt. The seniority list shall provide the employee's name, identification number, classification, employment date, and classification date.

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **LEGAL BENEFIT**

Section 1. The Employer shall, upon the request of an employee covered by this Agreement and after notice of the suit against the employee has been given to the Legal Department within five (5) days after service upon the employee, undertake the defense of that employee against any civil damage suit where the employee was acting within the scope of employment and the employee did not act in bad faith, with malicious purpose, in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, and property.

Section 2. The Employer shall, upon the request of an employee covered by this Agreement and after notice of the suit against the employee has been given to the City Legal Department within five (5) days after service upon the employee, undertake the defense of that employee against any civil damage suit where the employee was acting within the scope of employment even if the complaint alleges that the employee acted in bad faith, or with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, and property. However, in those cases where the City Attorney has reason to believe that there exists a substantial factual basis for the complaint's allegations of bad faith, malicious purpose, or wanton and willful disregard, the Employer shall not be required to undertake the defense of the employee, as set forth in Florida Statutes Section 111.07.

Section 3. In a civil damage suit where a defense is provided by the Employer, the Employer will indemnify that employee against any judgments, except for punitive damage judgments, levied in that suit against the employee as a result of the employee's actions while acting within the scope of employment up to the recovery limits specified in Florida Statutes Section 768.28(5) as amended.

Section 4. The City recognizes that the Union provides a legal benefit wherein the Union provides an attorney for the defense of dues-paying member employees in civil damage suits. The employee may substitute this attorney or any other attorney of the employee's choosing at the employee's expense for the City's attorney without affecting any rights to indemnification under Section 3 of this Article provided the employee has the permission of the City Attorney and provided any settlement or claim negotiated by the employee's private counsel has been authorized by the City Attorney. Nothing within this section shall be interpreted to imply that the Union shall provide the legal defense benefit coverage to those employees covered by this Agreement who are not dues paying members.

Section 5. The employee agrees to cooperate fully with the Legal Department if the Legal Department undertakes the defense of said employee. If the employee has been scheduled to meet with the Legal Department, the employee must attend that meeting as scheduled. If the Legal Department has determined that the employee's attendance at a hearing or deposition is necessary and has asked or instructed said employee to attend, the attendance at the hearing or deposition will be without loss of pay or benefits.

Section 6. In all suits in which the Legal Department has undertaken the defense of an employee wherein the employee is named as an individual defendant and wherein the employee may be personally liable, the employee shall be advised of all motions, hearings, and settlement offers unless the employee requests otherwise in writing.

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **SAFETY AND HEALTH**

Section 1. Department management will make every reasonable effort to provide and maintain safe working conditions. To this end, the PBA will cooperate and encourage the employees to work in a safe manner. Also, Department management will receive and consider written recommendations with respect to unsafe conditions or other safety ideas from any employee or the PBA. Within thirty (30) days of receipt, Department management shall give a written reply to the employee or the PBA, as the case may be, regarding the disposition of its recommendation.

Section 2. Department management will provide proper and necessary safety equipment and devices for employees engaged in work where such special equipment and devices are necessary. Such equipment and devices, where provided, must be used. Employees who fail to utilize provided equipment or devices will be subject to discipline.

Section 3. In the event an employee leaves the employ of the Department, the employee shall return all uniforms and safety equipment to the Department.

Section 4. Employees purchasing industrial safety lenses with safety frames, safety shoes, or safety lenses for combat eyeglass frames (used when an Officer needing prescription lenses wears a chemical gas mask) will be reimbursed upon presentation of proof of purchase and a memorandum from the Police Chief indicating that the item was required in the performance of duties to maintain proper safety standards. Such lenses and shoes must meet ANSI/OSHA and/or ASTM standards.



Section 5.     Reimbursements

- A.     Employees will be reimbursed for the cost of industrial safety lenses with or without frames up to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) no more frequently than once every two (2) years.
- B.     Employees will be reimbursed for the cost of safety shoes up to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) no more frequently than once every year.
- C.     Employees will be reimbursed for the cost of prescription safety lenses for combat eyeglass frames up to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for single vision and standard bifocal lenses and up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for "no line" bifocal lenses. The lenses need to be made of polycarbonate of a thickness required for safety lenses in order to qualify for reimbursement and a statement from the provider to that effect must be provided by the employee. This reimbursement will be made no more frequently than once every two (2) years.
- D.     For the purposes of this section, a year is defined as the Employer's fiscal year.
- E.     Employees will be reimbursed for the cost of protective body armor (bullet resistant vests) up to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750). Reimbursement will be made in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Department.

Section 6.     It shall be the responsibility of the individual employee to check all equipment which has been issued to assure it is in safe operating condition prior to use or operation. If an assigned vehicle is damaged and the damage has not been reported, the employee shall submit a written report to supervision.

If the supervisor believes that the vehicle or item of equipment is in such an unsafe condition as to be a hazard to the operator or the public, the Fleet Management Department shall be notified for appropriate disposition. The Fleet Management Department shall be the final authority as to inspection and repairs needed to release a vehicle or item of equipment back into service.

Section 7.     AIDS Prevention

- A.     Surgical gloves and plastic disposable resuscitation masks shall be made available for each employee's use. Such equipment shall be replaced immediately after use.
- B.     A member who has been exposed to blood or other body fluids of an individual during duty hours shall be immediately afforded a reasonable period of time to wash and cleanse after such exposure.

Section 8.     The City agrees to provide Forensic Services Technicians and Latent Print Examiners with chest x-ray examinations from a medical facility on an annual basis at no cost to the employees. The x-ray will only be given to employees who consent to the test. The Department will schedule the x-rays, which will generally be given in May unless the Department

deems otherwise. Said x-rays will be provided on a no loss of pay basis to an employee. Should a conflict arise due to an employee's work assignments, the Department will reschedule the x-ray.

Section 9. Latent Print Examiners and Forensic Services Technicians will be provided with medical examinations annually in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures (currently, General Order II-23).

Section 10. Employee Wellness Incentive

During each fiscal year, employees will have the opportunity to earn personal leave time for maintaining physical fitness and wellness standards developed by the department based on standards developed by the Cooper Institute. This program is voluntary. Any employee who scores within the twenty-fifth (25th) percentile or above, based on standards developed by the Cooper Institute, on the department's annual physical assessment and attends at least one (1) live or two (2) online wellness seminars in a fiscal year (sponsored by the City, the City's Health and Wellness Center or the City's health insurance provider) will receive personal leave hours according to the schedule below:

Assessment Score –

25-49 percentile – 4 (four) personal leave hours  
50-60 percentile – 8 (eight) personal leave hours  
61-70 percentile – 12 (twelve) personal leave hours  
71-80 percentile – 16 (sixteen) personal leave hours  
81-90 percentile – 20 (twenty) personal leave hours  
91+ percentile – 24 (twenty-four) personal leave hours

Employees shall schedule the use of personal leave in accordance with other personal leave provisions defined within this agreement.

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Reimbursement for Lost or Damaged Personal Property

An employee may be reimbursed for loss or damage to personal property in the performance of duty subject to the following restrictions:

- A. The maximum reimbursement for items of personal necessity such as eyeglasses and hearing aids shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), except that eyeglasses requiring bifocal or trifocal lenses shall be reimbursed up to a maximum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- B. The maximum reimbursement for all other personal property shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

- C. Requests for reimbursement for the loss of, or damage to, personal property must be made within the shift in which the loss or damage occurs, or within the shift when the loss or damage is discovered if it is within seven (7) calendar days of the actual loss or damage. If mitigating circumstances such as an injury prevent the employee from reporting the loss or damage the employee has an additional seven (7) calendar days to make the request for reimbursement.
- D. To aid in establishing the amount to be reimbursed, the employee will be required to provide to the Department the receipt for the replacement article.
- E. Reimbursement for lost or damaged personal property must be approved by the Police Chief or designee. The Police Chief may approve reimbursement beyond the limits established by this section if such action is warranted by extraordinary circumstances.
- F. Employees may be reimbursed the purchase price up to a maximum of fifteen-hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for an AR-15 Rifle that is personally owned by the employee, if the rifle is stolen, damaged or lost while the employee is utilizing it or carrying it in relation to their employment with the City. Reimbursement shall be at the sole discretion of the Police Chief based upon the circumstances reported and documented that resulted in the loss.
- G. Employees shall be permitted to obtain pay advances for the purchase of AR-15 rifles. Employees shall be required to complete a Salary Advance Agreement prior to receipt of the advance pay. This Salary Advance shall only be available when the City does not have a program to purchase these rifles for employees.

Section 2. Group Insurance

- A. The City agrees to provide employees covered by this Agreement the opportunity to participate in a City group health insurance program, subject to the eligibility criteria established by the provider(s) selected by the City.

The City reserves the right to self-administer group health insurance claims if and when deemed appropriate.

- B. The City further reserves the right to change carriers if and when deemed appropriate and to determine the plans offered. The parties agree that the City may, at its option, reopen Section 2 of this Article in order to bargain in good faith over the impact of proposed changes to group health insurance coverage. Should the City choose to exercise the option to reopen Section 2, the City will notify the Union as soon as possible.
- C. The City agrees to pay seventy-five percent (75%) of individual coverage for employee participation in the City group health insurance programs. If the employee elects any form of dependent coverage, the City will pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the total premium for the employee and dependents.

- D. Those individuals participating in City coverage who are covered by this Agreement, but who subsequently retire shall be offered the option at the time of retirement of selecting coverage with a lifetime maximum benefit of \$100,000 or a higher lifetime maximum benefit offered to current employees. The City will pay seventy-five (75%) of the cost of the coverage with a lifetime maximum benefit of \$100,000 or the same dollar amount towards coverage with the higher lifetime maximum benefit subject to the maximum City contribution noted in Section 2(E) of this Article. The rates paid by both the City and the employee shall be adjusted whenever increases become effective as the City is notified by the provider. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2009, shall be offered the option at the time of retirement of selecting coverage with a lifetime maximum benefit of \$100,000 or any higher lifetime maximum benefit offered to current employees, but will be responsible for paying the entire cost of the coverage with no City contribution toward the premium cost.
- E. Effective January 1, 2010, for active employees hired prior to January 1, 2009, the maximum cost for which the City will be responsible for any retiree health insurance plan coverage will be one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the City's cost (seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of the coverage with a lifetime maximum benefit of \$100,000) that was in effect on January 1, 2010, for the type of coverage elected by the retiree (single, dual, or family coverage). The City's monthly premium costs in effect on January 1, 2010, for single, dual and family coverages respectively were \$198.48, \$400.91, and \$555.72.
- F. The City shall provide, at no cost to the employee, life insurance in an amount equal to annual base pay rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Employees also have the option of purchasing additional life insurance through the City Benefits Division of Human Resources.

It is agreed by the parties that the rates paid by the employee for supplemental term life insurance will be established by the City's provider and may be changed in the event the provider implements a rate change.

### Section 3. Retirement Awards

As an expression of appreciation and recognition for service as a Law Enforcement Officer of the St. Petersburg Police Department and the City, the City will provide each Officer at the time of normal or service-connected disability retirement with the appropriate plaque, badges, and firearm at no expense to the employee except the firearm may be withheld when the Officer has been relieved of said firearm by the Police Chief prior to retirement and the Officer's right to carry the firearm had not been restored prior to retirement.

### Section 4. Court Duty After Retirement

An employee who has a pending case at the time of retirement and as a result has a court appearance after the retirement date shall be compensated the same as if still employed by the City in accordance with Article 19 of this Agreement unless the retiree is working for an employer who is already paying for this time. Verification of attendance and time shall be made by the same

procedure utilized for employees whose names do not appear on the list maintained by the Court Liaison Officer (i.e. by write in).

#### Section 5. Per Diem

Employees who travel as a result of their employment with the City and who are eligible for reimbursement of expenses may be reimbursed for meals and other authorized expenses in an amount not to exceed the amount determined by the Budget and/or Finance Departments to be reasonable for the area to which the employee travels.

#### Section 6. Assigned Vehicles

Take-home vehicle assignments shall be made in accordance with the Department General Orders and include consideration of the availability of vehicles, seniority, and positional assignments. The parties agree that this is not a waiver of either parties' bargaining rights related to take-home vehicles.

The Police Chief reserves the right to establish the availability of vehicles, positional assignments, the process by which vehicle assignments will be made, to monitor the program to ensure compliance with the policies governing the use of the Department vehicles, and to provide at least sixty (60) days' notice to the Union if the City proposes to suspend or terminate an assignment or the program. This notice requirement excludes when an individual loses vehicle privileges as a result of discipline or otherwise becomes ineligible per the General Orders. The parties agree to the Employee Contribution and Mileage Boundaries in St. Petersburg Police Department General Order II-6 to be effective October 1, 2016. The employer agrees that any future changes to the Employee Contribution and Mileage Boundaries will not be arbitrarily made and will be noticed to the Union as prescribed above in this Section.

#### Section 7. Law Enforcement Personnel DNA Elimination Sample Database

The purpose of this Section is to document the agreement between the parties as it relates to the Law Enforcement Personnel DNA Elimination Sample Database. The information below will explain the rationale and process of collecting DNA from the Bargaining Unit members who choose to participate and to ensure that the entire DNA database remains confidential at all times from any third party not directly involved in the collection process, as well as to assure continued anonymity of the DNA sample collected thereafter.

A local database of Law Enforcement Elimination Profiles (LEEP) will be maintained at the Pinellas County Forensic Lab (PCFL) or Pinellas County Medical Examiner's Office only, specifically and solely for the purpose of eliminating extraneous DNA profiles from forensic samples collected in the course of a criminal investigation.

Collection of samples and maintenance of profiles is necessary due to the increasing sensitivity of DNA analytical techniques. It is imperative we ensure that any profiles developed from forensic samples do not correspond to personnel working at the scene.

Samples will be maintained anonymously. Each profile will be assigned a code (assigned randomly) and will NOT be linked to a specific individual. After the profile is entered into the

search database, the PCFL will be unable to determine the specific source. Database development process:

1. The only process to be utilized to collect DNA shall be a buccal swab collected from each employee. The swab will be placed in a pre-labeled envelope with the elimination database (LEEP) number on it. No other identifying information will be included on the inner envelope to maintain anonymity.
2. The inner envelope (containing the buccal swabs) will be placed in an outer envelope. The employee name, badge/ ID number, and date of collection will be noted on this envelope. The elimination database number will not be referenced on this envelope.
3. The buccal swab will be analyzed. Once a full clean profile is obtained, the outer envelope will be separated from case and no further associations to the buccal will be possible. In the event that the profile is incomplete or otherwise unusable, the sample will be discarded, the LEEP number discontinued, and a new swab will be requested from the employee.
4. After severing the profile from the employee information (inner from outer envelope) the profile will be uploaded into the local elimination database.
5. A roster of names and badge/ID numbers (without the associated LEEP identifier) will be maintained to ensure that all designated employees are represented in the database.
6. During the entire collection process, and after, samples obtained, LEEP numbers issued, or any other documentation pertaining to the DNA collection process and database shall remain strictly confidential and not be available to third parties, public records requests or any other requests.

Once the profile has been uploaded into the elimination database it will be impossible for the laboratory to determine the source. In the event that a law enforcement officer is involved (*as a victim or suspect*) in a criminal investigation requiring elimination or suspect samples, a case related elimination/suspect sample will be required in accordance with state and federal law.

Law Enforcement Elimination Profiles will be maintained locally and only searched against forensic samples submitted to this laboratory in Pinellas County, Florida. They will not be uploaded to or searched against any state or federal databases.

#### Directions for Collection:

1. Either don a fresh pair of gloves or thoroughly wash hands prior to opening collection kit. (If a collector is other than the employee, gloves are required.)
2. Remove the swabs from the envelopes and swab sleeve.

3. Use BOTH swabs to thoroughly swab the inner cheeks of the mouth. Be careful to ensure that the swabs are not exposed to any other sources of DNA (direct or indirect contact with other personnel). If there are any contamination concerns, discard the kit and use a new kit.
4. Return the swabs to the swab sleeve inserting the swab tip portion into the sleeve first.
5. Place the swab sleeve in the smaller manila envelope. This envelope is pre-labeled with the randomize LEEP number. Do NOT add any additional identifying information to the inner envelope.
6. Place the envelope into the larger “outer” envelope completing the following information:
  - a. Full Name (print)
  - b. Payroll ID number
  - c. Date Collected
  - d. Signature of supervisor/witness ensuring that the sample was collected as directed.
  - e. DO NOT record the LEEP number on this envelope.
7. Envelopes can be dropped off at the laboratory during working hours or placed in an evidence locker at SPPD at any time for transport to PCFL. No other paperwork is needed. DO NOT submit LEEP samples with DNA Case Submission forms.

## **ARTICLE 24**

### **TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

The City agrees that it will continue to provide a tuition reimbursement program in which employees represented by this bargaining unit may participate. Policies concerning eligibility for reimbursement, procedures for approval, payment processing, and so forth will continue to be established by the Training Division of the Human Resources Department and published in the Training Catalog.

The parties agree that the City shall reimburse eligible employees for seventy-five (75%) of their tuition costs up to the cap of one-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per calendar year at the completion of classes at eligible institutions of higher learning (e.g., St. Petersburg College and the University of South Florida).

## **ARTICLE 25**

### **DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

Section 1. The City of St. Petersburg and the Union agree that maintaining the confidence of the citizens in their Law Enforcement Officers is of utmost importance. One vehicle for demonstrating the integrity of these employees is through a random drug testing program. Further,

a random drug testing program reinforces the City's policy that its employees shall not use illegal drugs, or abuse alcohol or those drugs taken by prescription.

Section 2. A designated number of employees shall be selected each month by a computer program which generates a list of randomly selected Officers and Forensic Technicians. The list shall be communicated to Internal Affairs, which will have the responsibility of contacting those employees on the list and escorting them to the medical facility named by the City to serve as the sample collection site. All tests will be conducted on duty.

Section 3. When the employee arrives at the medical facility, the employee will provide a urine, breath, and/or blood test sample for testing; a sample adequate for split sample testing will be taken. Refusal to provide a urine, breath, and/or blood test sample will be considered insubordination and will result in termination. Chain of custody will be followed, and the sample will be sent to a NIDA certified laboratory for testing. If the initial screening test indicates the presence of an illegal drug, a confirmation test will be performed using the gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GCMS) method.

The drug test results will be forwarded to Internal Affairs. If the initial screen test was positive but the confirmation test was negative, the second result will prevail. If the confirmation test is positive, the employee will be given the option of a split sample test, whereby an independent laboratory conducts a drug test using the same sample originally collected from the employee. The cost of the split sample test shall be borne by the employee challenging the initial result. A positive confirmation test for illegal drugs will result in termination.

Section 4. Employees covered by this Agreement shall not be tested any more than three (3) times in any one (1) calendar year. For example, if an employee's name appeared on a list of ten (10) names, and this was the fourth time the employee had been selected, the employee would not be tested and only nine (9) tests would be conducted that month.

Section 5. In order to demonstrate to a greater degree, the drug-free status of certain employees and to enable the most effective prosecution of law violators possible, the City and Union agree that a separate random drug testing program which provides for a greater likelihood of selection for testing is appropriate for employees assigned to the Vice and Narcotics Unit. The identities of employees assigned to this unit will be maintained and updated only by Police Department personnel for confidentiality reasons. A list randomly generated by computer will be created each month from the employee identification numbers of employees assigned to the Department/division account number for the Vice and Narcotics Unit. The procedures described in the above sections will apply for the purpose of drug testing Vice and Narcotics Unit employees. A drug test will also be conducted whenever an employee enters the unit or transfers from the unit. The City and Union agree that assignment to, or removal from, the Vice and Narcotics Unit is a management right as provided in Article 3 of this Agreement, regardless of drug test results.



## ARTICLE 26

### **PENSION BENEFITS**

The parties to this Agreement have previously agreed to enhance certain benefits related to the 1984 Supplemental Police Officers' Retirement System through the collective bargaining process. The parties mutually consent to the allocation of premium tax revenues received pursuant to Chapter 185, Florida Statutes, including additional premium tax revenues, to fund the inclusion of overtime pay in the definition of "earnable compensation" in section 22-275 of the Retirement System until the maximum established by section 185.02(6), Florida Statutes (currently three hundred (300) hours) is reached. Currently, the maximum number of hours of overtime to be included is one hundred twenty (120) hours per member per fiscal year. As of October 1, 2020, that maximum will increase to two hundred twenty (220) per member per fiscal year and will remain at that maximum until a new agreement is reached by the parties. Both parties acknowledge that benefit enhancements were agreed to on the basis of a mutual expectation that the City would continue to qualify for State premium tax funding pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 185, without further increasing benefits, except on an incremental basis, and then only to the extent additional premium tax funding becomes available to fully fund those incremental benefits.

Should the additional premium tax funding received be sufficient to permanently fund said the maximum overtime pay established by section 185.02(6), as determined by the board's actuaries, then the funds in excess of the amount needed to permanently fund the maximum overtime pay shall be used as provided in sections 185.35(1)(b) and (c). The funds placed in a defined contribution plan as provided in section 185.35(1)(b) shall be placed in the following defined contribution plan.

Effective October 1, 2015, there is hereby created a defined contribution plan that shall operate as a component of the Retirement System and exist in conjunction with the defined benefit plan that meets minimum benefits and minimum standards within the meaning of Chapter 185, Florida Statutes. The defined contribution plan component shall receive deposits, if any, for the purpose of providing benefits to eligible police officers. The retirement benefits of the defined contribution plan component, if any, shall be provided through individual member accounts in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations and are limited solely to the contributions, if any, made into each member's account and the actual accumulated earnings, net of expenses, earned on the member's account. The funding and structure of this defined contribution plan component may be modified only by the mutual consent of the parties or by operation of Section 185.35(1), Florida Statutes. The provisions of this component governing earnings rates, distribution rules, and administration shall be negotiated between the parties at the time Chapter 185 premium tax revenues are assigned to this component.

The defined contribution plan component shall be funded in accordance with section 185.35(1), Florida Statutes, provided that any deviation therefrom shall be based upon reaching mutual consent on an alternative means of utilizing premium tax revenues, as provided for in section 185.35(1)(g), Florida Statutes. Mutual consent shall be defined as ratification by the parties in accordance with the Florida Division of Retirement's regulations and administrative guidance.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties mutually consent to the allocation of premium tax revenues received pursuant to Chapter 185, Florida Statutes, including additional premium tax

revenues, to fund the inclusion of overtime pay in the definition of “earnable compensation” in section 22-275 of the Retirement System until the maximum established by section 185.02(6), Florida Statutes (currently three hundred 300 hours) is reached. Currently the maximum number of hours of overtime to be included is one hundred twenty (120) hours per member per fiscal year. As of October 1, 2020, that maximum will increase to two hundred twenty (220) per member per fiscal year and will remain at that maximum until a new agreement is reached by the parties.

Overtime hours means those hours defined and paid by the City as overtime hours, but not including payments for extra duty or a special detail for work performed on behalf of a second party employer during off-duty hours.

Employees will have pension contributions deducted for any overtime hours included in the calculation of pension benefits.

If the City is advised by the appropriate state agency, or an administrative or judicial court that the City's plans for sworn Officers are not in compliance with Ch. 185, and changes to any of those plans would have to be implemented in order for the City to qualify for the continued receipt of State premium tax funds, the parties agree to begin bargaining changes to maintain compliance with Ch. 185. However, consistent with the terms above, any plan changes that result from bargaining shall not be implemented during the term of this Agreement. Additionally, the City agrees to advise the PBA at such time as such notice is received from the appropriate State agency or court.

## **ARTICLE 27**

### **PROMOTIONAL PROCESS**

Section 1. Examinations given for the position of Police Sergeant shall be coordinated by the Human Resources and Police Departments.

Section 2. A job analysis will be conducted by constructing and administering questionnaires to incumbents to assess the importance of the knowledge, skills and abilities to be measured in the promotional process.

Section 3. Officers with sixty (60) semester credits from a regionally or nationally accredited college or university and three (3) years of non-probationary sworn service with the St. Petersburg Police Department, as of the date of the promotional written examination, are eligible to enter the Police Sergeant portion of the promotional process. Credit may be granted for up to two (2) years of full-time non-probationary sworn law enforcement service with another law enforcement agency in the United States or its territories.

Section 4. At least ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled written examination date, the City shall post notice of the examinations via the job announcements. The announcements shall include the date and time of the written examinations and the sources from which the examinations are drawn. The City shall make available reference materials for use by eligible employees preparing for the examinations.

Section 5. **Step 1** for both the Sergeant and Lieutenant processes will be a closed-book, multiple-choice written examination. The Sergeant and Lieutenant examinations will be developed by representatives from the Human Resources and Police Departments, and an outside consultant may be included. During administration of the written examinations, candidates may write challenges to questions which they think are inappropriate, inaccurate or ambiguous. This information may be used in conjunction with statistical item analysis information to modify the scoring of individual questions as necessary or to eliminate invalid questions from the examinations. The final decision regarding the suitability of the questions shall be made by the Chief of Police or designee. Sergeant and Lieutenant candidates who receive a passing score on the written examination will proceed to Step 2 in the promotional process.

Section 6. **Step 2** will be a review of education and service for which up to twenty (20) points will be awarded. Each candidate will submit supporting documentation to the designated promotional process coordinator by the date established following notification of a passing score on the written examination. (For graded criteria, see the “review of education and service” form in this Article.)

Section 7. The relative weights assigned to the foregoing components will be sixty-five percent (65%) for the written examination and thirty-five percent (35%) for the review of education and service. These two (2) scores will be combined for a final score that will be used to rank order the candidates and produce the Police Sergeant and Police Lieutenant eligibility lists.

Section 8. **Step 3** will be the identification of candidates to continue in the process. Candidates will be identified from the eligibility lists, based on the number of available promotional positions and in accordance with the rule of five, which is described in the City of St. Petersburg Rules and Regulations of the Personnel Management System, Section 2-6.

Section 9. **Step 4** will be an oral interview and Assessment administered by the Chief of Police with each of the candidates selected in Step 3. Information to be reviewed will include each candidate’s performance evaluations, discipline history, community service, and position on the eligibility list. The Chief’s decision to promote will be based on all information gathered through the aforementioned four-step process.

Section 10. Police Department representatives will be appointed by the Chief of Police to develop and administer the components of the promotional process in conjunction with Human Resources staff and, if included, an outside consultant. Any individual who is related to a potential candidate through family and/or significant other personal connections (including, but not limited to, roommate, significant other and domestic partner) will not participate in any level of the process (including examination development, scoring, review of education and service, oral interview and Assessment).

Section 11. Police Sergeant eligibility lists shall remain in effect for two (2) years. The lists shall not be extended beyond two (2) years from the date they are posted unless the City and the PBA mutually agree to extend the time limit of the lists and said lists shall be utilized for promotions in accordance with the procedures contained in the City's Rules and Regulations of the Personnel Management System.

Candidate name and rank:	Payroll number:
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**Date Issued:**

**Date Due:**

St. Petersburg Police Department  
Promotional Process

**REVIEW OF EDUCATION AND SERVICE**

**To be completed by candidate. Candidate must attach complete documentation to support reported points.**

HIGHEST EARNED COLLEGE DEGREE		Check if not applicable:	
Accredited College or University	Degree	Candidate Points (maximum 4)	<b><u>Candidate: Do not write in this column</u></b> Verifier Initials/Date

Associate = 1 point      Bachelor = 3 points      Master = 4 points

*Candidate must provide copy of official final transcript. See General Order II-27 for accreditation requirements.*

**SWORN SERVICE WITH SPPD**

Number of Years (maximum 20)		Points per Year		Candidate Points (maximum 8)	<b><u>Candidate: Do not write in this column</u></b> Verifier Initials/Date
	X	0.4	=		

Candidate may claim sworn service with SPPD only, up to 20 years **as of the date this scoring sheet is issued**. Partial years up to two decimal places may be counted toward the total.

*Candidate must provide documentation showing candidate name and applicable service dates.*

**FIELD TRAINING SERVICE WITH SPPD**

<u>Number of Years (maximum 4)</u>		<u>Points per Year</u>		<u>Candidate Points (maximum 2)</u>	<b><u>Candidate: Do not write in this column</u></b> Verifier Initials/Date
	X	<u>0.5</u>	=		

Candidate may claim sworn field service with SPPD only, up to 4 years **as of the date this scoring sheet is issued**. Partial years up to two decimal places may be counted toward the total. This section will include the Field Training Program in the Vice and Narcotics Division.

Candidate must provide documentation showing candidate name and applicable service dates.

**SWORN SERVICE IN SPPD SPECIALIZED ASSIGNMENTS (current rank only)**

Check if not applicable:

Unit Name	Service Dates	Candidate Points (maximum 4)	<b><u>Candidate: Do not write in this column</u></b> Verifier Initials/Date

Candidate may claim 0.5 points for each year of sworn service in SPPD specialized assignments (per General Order II-32, any assignments other than to patrol squads) **in current rank only, as of the date this scoring sheet is issued. Partial years up to two decimal places may be counted toward the total. Service within the Field Training Unit will not be scored in this section.**

*Candidate must provide documentation showing candidate name, units and applicable service dates.*

Candidate name and rank:

Payroll number:

**MILITARY SERVICE**

Check if not applicable:

Branch	Highest Rank	Years of Full-Time Service	Years of Part-Time Service	Candidate Points	<b><u>Candidate: Do not write in this column</u></b> Verifier Initials/Date
Total Candidate Points for Military Service (maximum 2)					

Full time: 1-5 years = 1 point      6-10 years = 1.5 points      More than 10 years or officer rank = 2 points

Part time: 1-5 years = 0.5 points      6-10 years = 0.75 points      More than 10 years or officer rank = 1 point

*Candidate must provide copies of DD-214 or equivalent forms showing military status and dates of service.*

**Candidate: Do not  
write in this column**  
Verifier Initials/Date

<b>Total Candidate Points (maximum 20)</b>		
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**CANDIDATE AFFIRMATION**

I hereby affirm that the information I have presented in this summary is true and correct and any false or inaccurate information that is discovered will automatically disqualify me from the promotional process and may be grounds for disciplinary action against me.

Candidate Signature:

Date:

Completed form received by \_\_\_\_\_

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

3/18/18

## **ARTICLE 28**

### **MAINTENANCE OF CONDITIONS**

Section 1. No employee shall be unfavorably affected by the signing of this Agreement as to wages, hours, or other conditions of employment except as may be established by the terms of this Agreement. Any written rule, regulation, policy, or procedure in conflict with this Agreement shall be resolved by modification of such rule, regulation, policy, or procedure to be compatible with this Agreement. A consultation meeting, as provided in Article 8, Section 11, shall be deemed appropriate to resolve conflicts arising under this section.

Section 2. Employees covered by this Agreement are also entitled to the benefits and rights of the Rules and Regulations of the Personnel Management System of the City. If any conflicts occur between this Agreement and the City's Rules and Regulations of the Personnel Management System, the Agreement shall take precedence. The Agreement shall be the governing factor in all cases even though the benefits or rights may be greater or lesser than provided for in the City's Rules and Regulations of the Personnel Management System.

## **ARTICLE 29**

### **SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Section 1. If any Article or Section of this Agreement should be found invalid, unlawful, or not enforceable, by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or by judicial authority, all other Articles and Sections of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

Section 2. In the event of invalidation of any Article or Section, both the Employer and the PBA agree to meet within thirty (30) days of such determination for the purpose of negotiating a replacement for such Article or Section.

## **ARTICLE 30**

### **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the right and opportunity to make proposals with respect to subjects or matters not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining. The basic and entire Agreement between the parties in the determination of wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment, arrived at by the parties after the exercise of such right and opportunity, are set forth in this Agreement.

The Employer and the PBA for the duration of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered in this Agreement or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both parties at the time that they negotiated this Agreement, unless otherwise provided for herein.

## **ARTICLE 31**

### **DURATION**

Section 1. This Agreement shall take effect the first payroll period start date after ratification by both parties to this Agreement and shall continue in full force and effect until its expiration date of September 21, 2025.

Section 2. Should either party desire to terminate, change, or modify this Agreement as the expiration draws near, it shall notify the other party by the month of March 2025. In the event such notice is given, negotiations for a follow-on Agreement shall begin no later than May 15, 2025. Consistent with Article 8, Section 13 of this Agreement, provisions herein may be modified during the term of the Agreement by written consent of the duly authorized representatives of the City and the PBA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be signed by their duly authorized Representatives on this 07 day of ~~September~~, 2022.

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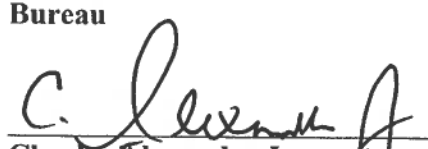
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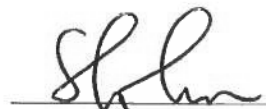
  
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